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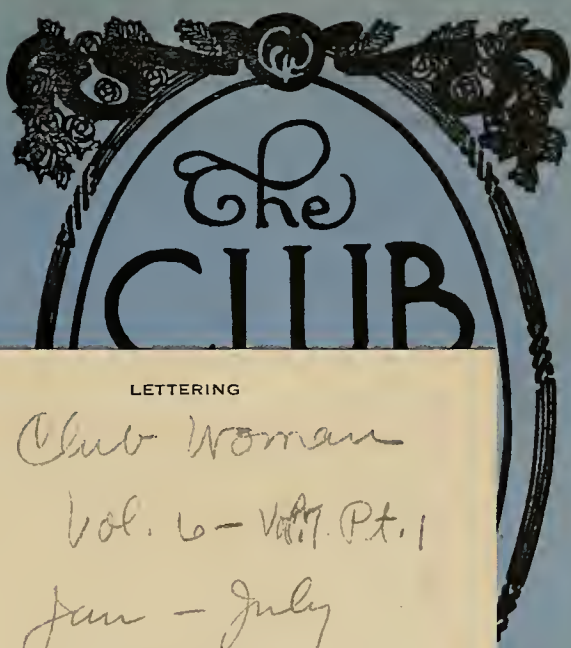








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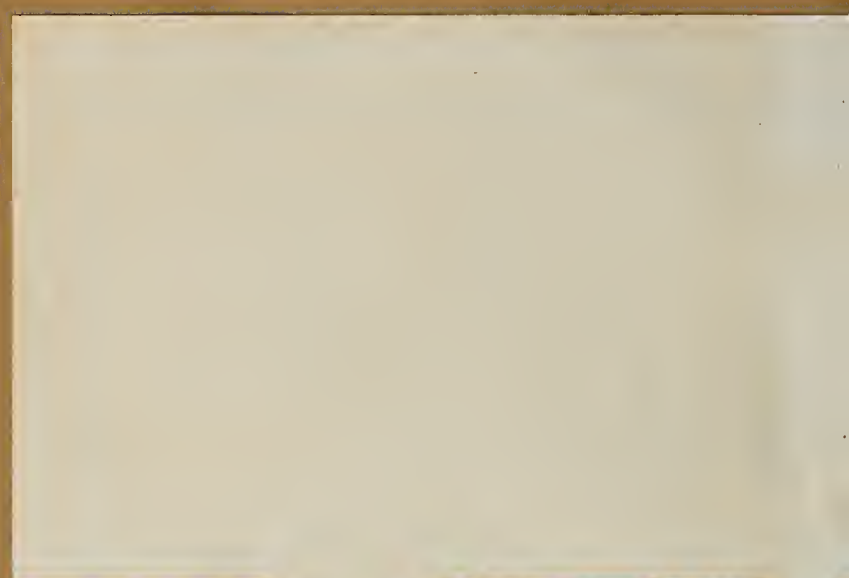
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The New Year's Resolution of the Federation Editor is to wake up 33,000 members of the State Federation to the fact that they have an official magazine wherein they may voice the things they wish to say or do. Women know there is a magazine but they feel that only the great and august of literary attainment may express therein their most sacred opinions.

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THE CLUBWOMAN is facing a wonderful year of Service for the Federation. Since May we have used great and inspiring articles by great and inspiring individuals. We have more of these articles in the pigeon holes of the months to come.

Are you reading the great Peace Article by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones which is running in installments in THE CLUBWOMAN since November? Next month we shall have a wonderful article by Julia Lathrop, head of the United States Children's Bureau; later we have a Home Economics article by Hon. Philander P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; "The World Progress of Women," Carrie Chapman Catt; "The Immigrant Women as She Arrives," Miss Grace Adams, Hull House and many others.

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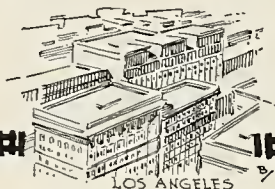
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## Editorial

For two months the California Federation of Women's Clubs has had thrown at it the UNSPECIFIC charges that its body of 33,000 women is being "man-handled and maneuvered," that it is "held pretty well in hand by a small group of women politicians"; that "the Federation openly endorses measures and campaigns vigorously for them," etc.

Think of it, 33,000 of California's most intellectual women are being MANIPULATED by women politicians who CONTROL and DOMINATE the Federated body. No more attention has been paid to these wild charges than would be paid to a little yellow cur; for the source of the statements is one that has often been used to villify the Great and the Earnest. However, the yapping of the cur has changed to yelping so just for fun we'll turn around and see what Fido wants.

Who is trying to hurt the Federation by making wild statements as cold blooded facts, that people who do not know the tactics of some of the Press might be gullible enough to believe? The 32,900 of us who are not being man-handled feel terribly snubbed that we have not been approached by these "female politicians" so we could have the chance to draw our faithful swords on the enemy who is eating the heart of the Federation without stopping to fletcherize.

If charges are to be made against the Federation they should be made in the OPEN. If anybody wishes to "GET" the Federation "politicians" the easiest way would be to call them by name; and the Federation itself would

be the first to aid in their capture. The Federation as a whole must not be condemned because of the possible presence of "political" parasites, neither should the GOOD NAME OF THE FEDERATION be besmirched in order to point out these parasites ANONYMOUSLY.

We have heard so much of "politicians" in the Age of Man Rule that we have overlooked the fact that there is a perfectly respectable definition of politician in the dictionary. Of course there are two definitions hatched from the brain of Webster but the one that applies to the Federated Mass is:

"Politics is the science of government; that part of ethics which has to do with the regulation and government of a nation or state, the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity, the defense of its existence and rights against foreign control or conquest, protection of its citizens, etc." (Webster).

We need to study the etymology of the word politics. Our education is sadly neglected. Political action is so often misnamed and misthought "political manipulation." There are politicians and "politicians." The last named kind always lives behind a barricade of quotation marks. They are the vicious minority. The charges made against the Federation would have us believe that this class "controls and dominates" the Federation. That is an insult to every Federated woman.

There may be, and there probably are, women in the Federation who are "politicians." "Politicians" really do now and then, crop out in clubs, clois-

ters, churches and cafeterias. So far as the Federation is concerned—we can speak for this year at least, and generally safely for the future—the “politicians” who have entered the arena have “ambled right along” out again and if they have looked for a slice out of the Federation’s power they have not obtained it.

But be that as it may, when Justice is summed on a logical slate, it will be found the GREAT MAJORITY of the women of the California Federation are true blue; they are working with seriousness and steadfastness for humanity and forgetful of self and self advancement.

Politics—in its highest sense—is the very motor which moves the machinery of government. The Federation is in politics. Why should it not be in the field of power? Why should it not endorse measures OPENLY and campaign for them VIGOROUSLY? Why did women want the ballot if they were not going to use it?

The Federation is pledged to work for woman and child welfare. The most efficient manner to carry on this work is to do it through individual experts—acting collectively. Who is more expert to do the work than those who are EXPERIENCED in the work?

So the Federation is in politics and it is in politics to stay. As soon as the Federation steps out of politics, just then will it cease to become of any use to women and children. There is not a measure, there is not a reform, there is not a bit of social reconstruction that can be accomplished by the Federation without POLITICAL POWER and ACTION.

If the Federation cannot work through political action what shall it do? Shall women go back where they were—THREE BLOCKS FROM THE MIDDLE AGES—when they had to kotow and salaam for everything they wished; when it was a crime for women to be discovered with gray matter in their craniums; or anything

other than Laura Jean Libby ideas in their heads?

Shall women go back to quilting parties, pink teas, lemonade and strawberry socials, or to sewing carpet rags for the heathens? How much constructive work could women accomplish if they did this? Are legislators influenced to do right through seeing pretty rag rugs, do they love tea, or could they be bribed with nice home-made quilts and sofa pillows for their legislative chairs to make their session naps easy?

Nay! Nay! Women of this Federation, you now have the greatest power in the history of organized womanhood to make your “United Strength Stronger” in clearing the civic jungles and emptying the polluted civic arenas. Good men are glad you have entered the big fight; bad men and some newspapers are AFRAID of you. Could you ask greater compensation for your wonderful work? Terrible and heart breaking—is the grafter to have no field he can call his own. For Heaven’s sake and political economy’s sake what does it matter—if he is crowded out?

But women take comfort. You in your Federation are doing more to “cut down in their youth” the “politicians” of both sexes than any other factor—so keep going just as you are, in the paths you have cleared—only travel a little faster.

The Federation is politic because it promotes a policy—the policy of Humanity. Individually women of the Federation show politicalism—that is, real party spirit in politics. They work politically—that is in a political manner. But notwithstanding the charges made—there are mighty few politicians in the Federation. Even the dictionary is about to make them obsolete.

Men do good work and women want good laws. Women have gone into politics and are purifying politics, through their legislative and political action. The Federation can accom-

plish its good work ONLY through legislative and political intercourse. The trouble is we have been afraid of the word politician in the same way we have been afraid of the word sex. It has kept us on our knees in the narrow confines of our own self-consciousness too long. It is time to learn the real diacritical marks over the letters in the word politician, then pronounce it correctly, and without fear.

Nothing can be legislative without being political. Whatever humanitarian measures women wish to get through must be attained through political action. It is true there are women holding office in the Federation today who also hold state offices in various capacities. These are women known up and down the state for their executive ability, usefulness to humanity; women who are serving the state in the highest capacity of which officials are capable; and it is because they are so capable in their respective offices THAT THEY WERE CHOSEN AS CHAIRMEN OF DEPARTMENTS IN FEDERATION.

No doubt the Federation has been approached by "politicians." It would be a sad commentary on the Federation's wonderful power if somebody hadn't sought to gain plunder or notoriety or a coup through a body representing over 33,000 of California's most intellectual and executive women. The very worth, strength and glory of the Federation would bring the axes-to-grind confrere in a waiting line at the Federation door.

That is nothing against the Federation. The fact that they come is a compliment. They do not harm the Federation. They do not destroy its usefulness. They do not taint it. It is claimed now that there are certain mediums higher up than "politicians" who would like to discredit the Federation and the secret is that it is because of the FEDERATION POWER IN CALIFORNIA.

It may be a matter of "motest" or "beamest" eye (in the excitement of

the moment we have coined two words) in this case of charges. There are sour grapes even in politics. We'll just have to grab awful "politics" by the horns and sit on its head if things go on. Verily we know not whether we leave Hope behind us or whether we see it ahead of us. We prefer to look forward.

The present Executive Board of the California Federation is above reproach (unless members are masters in art of hiding their criminal instincts and tendencies). No one has yet succeeded in "putting over" anything on the present administration.

Even the little yellow dog has not dared to bark at our splendid State President, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer—but if she continues to do her work in the splendid manner which she has shown in the past—eventually she may have hope that she may see little Fido's incisors and biscuspids.

Members of the state board beware that no "once over" gets you; state president have a care that you are not "dragged over the political coals"; revision of by-laws committee you'll have to "sweat blood" for surely the feminine honor eaters will try to enter some sordid, subtle, scented by-law or two that may "further their ends" and middles of subterfuge—for the charges made might verify such a move.

Women be partisan if you like—just so you are sincere in it. We are speaking to the great MASS of Federation women who are RIGHT and sincere, and not to the half dozen "politicians" at all. They need no advice. Women of Federation keep your Party. You have a perfect right to choose the Party for which you wish to work. But we have this faith in you—that no matter what party you may call your own, when it comes to big humanitarian issues which affect your homes and children, you will BAND on those issues and party lines will fall like broken wires.

There is no organization, we may say no two organizations combined.

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## OUR EXPOSITIONS—1915

**A Toast by  
Lillian Pray-Palmer  
State President**

"1915!" Slogan that has spurred us to great endeavor.

"1915!" Year of magic that has lured us.

"1915!" California's great year of EXPOSITION, we hail Thee!

On San Diego's hills above the bright Harbor of the Sun, our "Queen City of Flowers"—the Panama-California EXPOSITION, sits and smiles. Her chaste white walls and towers are vine hung, and rose garlanded. With her gateways open, and her paths of beauty flower strewn, She bids Thee welcome 1915!

In San Francisco, at the portals of the Golden Gate, with brow gold crowned, her royal garments gem bedecked, enthroned beside our Western Sea—The Panama-Pacific Exposition, with lifted sceptre greets Thee, 1915; bids Thee enter and abide.. Thy days are her days. North, South, from her Mountains to the Sea, Sunny California invites the world to toast with her The New Year—1915.

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## SAN FRANCISCO GREETINGS

**Mrs. Percy S. King, District President**

The very best wishes and all the joy the New Year can bring, I extend to all officers and club women of The Federation. Federation is growing wonderfully in this District this year. The visit of our beloved State President, Mrs. Palmer, from Humboldt to Monterey, with her splendid character and encouragement, has in many ways strengthened and directed us with wisdom.

Let us concentrate in putting the highest ideals into our Federation work. Let us waive personalities and work together with our broadest organized strength. The stronger we are individually, the greater shall we be collectively.

## President's Letter

It would give me great pleasure to speak my appreciation for the many beautiful holiday greetings that have come to me during this present joyful season; to say to each and every woman in the California Federation, "I wish you a Happy New Year," "I wish you Health, Happiness, and Success," for so we love to greet our friends as the New Year presents its splendid opportunities and fine responsibility.

Its precious GIFT of TIME is a sacred trust which ever inspires us to renew our pledge of service to humanity; to re-consecrate our best and highest endeavor to the daily round of duties that awaits us.

Under the inspiration of fresh beginning which the New Year offers, let us attempt the work of the Federation with a new enthusiasm. Let us forget whatever of disappointment we may have felt when we have sometimes failed to hit the mark our high ideals have set; or when beset by limiting conditions we have been unable to accomplish some things both great and grand that we have longed to do.

We are facing a New Year, one that promises to bring great success to our splendid California Federation and to our beloved State. Each of us is responsible for a certain measure of this success. Let us pledge again our loyalty, our love and our zeal to the cause of California Womanhood.

Sincerely yours,

LILLIAN PRAY-PALMER.

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## PEACE! 1915!

Dear Friends:

A happy New Year to you one and all. Our greetings for 1915, however, are saddened by the thought that in Europe the new year dawns in tragic sorrow; let us, therefore, pray daily that peace may soon come to our brothers and sisters across the sea.

ANNA J. H. PENNYBACKER.

## BIRTH REGISTRATION AND THE MODEL LAW

By Mrs. L. P. Crane

State Chairman of Health

The registration of all births is regarded as of so much importance as a mechanical expedient necessary in the full care of all of the children in the country that it is being made the subject of special consideration by the Health Department of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Pennybacker in a letter to the Children's Bureau says: "As time has gone on and the subject of birth registration has received a new impetus, I feel that the General Federation of Women's Clubs acted wisely in asking the Children's Bureau to prepare a pamphlet to make clear and definite the need of birth registration and to stimulate public interest toward strengthening our present laws or urging of new laws. As President of the Federation I earnestly commend this subject to the active support of clubs and individuals, to the end that European authorities can no longer say in statistical discussions,—'The figures for the United States are not available.'"

Only nine American States have any adequate birth registration laws and yet there is hardly a relation from the cradle to the grave in which the record of birth may not be of greatest value.

Birth registration is necessary in order that figures may be available upon which to base the accurate study of disease and its prevention. It is essential that the individual may have a record to refer to in all questions relating to heredity, legitimacy, property rights, and identity. It is especially important that exact ages may be definitely known in order to make possible the enforcement of the laws regulating school attendance, child labor and the age of consent.

As a step toward stimulating public interest in the registration of all births and with the purpose of obtaining data concerning the adequacy of the state law, the Public Health Department is

co-operating with the Children's Bureau at Washington in making a test of the completeness of birth registration in California. The investigation is being conducted by a committee in each county appointed by the Health Chairman and several hundred club women are now working to increase public interest in the question of complete birth registration.

Although there remains a great deal yet to be done the work is convincing us that the Registration law in California has some features which would make it impossible for the most earnest officials to get good results in registration. The investigation is thus stimulating public interest toward urging the passage of a good registration law and in forcing efficiency in administering the law. It was for this reason that the State Board, California Federation of Women's Clubs at a recent meeting expressed approval of the recommendation of the Health Department to work for what is known as the "Model Law."

The Model Bill was drafted in 1907, patterned after the Pennsylvania law, which has proved so effective. It was revised in 1912 by a committee of the American Association in consultation with representatives of the American Public Health Association, the American Bar Association, a committee on Uniform State Laws, the Bureau of the Census, and the Children's Bureau. The legislation has been approved by the American Association for the prevention of Infant Mortality and by the American Federation of Labor.

The Bill overcomes some of the defects in our present registration law by dividing the state into districts and giving to the State Board of Health the power to appoint a local registrar of vital statistics for each registration district in the state. It provides that each local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each birth

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## ART AND THE "HYPODERMIC PROCESS"

By Ethel M. Wickes, State Chairman of Art

Some years ago, when the only Club I knew was the Art Student's Club, of Paris, and when I was, as yet, unfamiliar with the local clubwoman's vocabulary, a young woman informed me that she was studying art.

Having "studied art" myself, I was interested. I asked her where she was studying, and she answered, "At the Club." I had heard that some of the Clubs had language classes, so why not classes in drawing or painting? But no, it was not drawing or painting. What the young woman really studied was the History of Art. "Studying" was her word, but I should have called it "Art History by the Hypodermic Process."

Once a week she listened to a "Talk on Art." She sat on a chair and let her system take up as much as it would absorb. She seemed to have a good deal of endurance, as this had been going on for two years. During that time she had not read one book on the subject, for herself. I learned from her that it was the "Art Section" of her Club that conducted these "Talks." Then I tried to find out what else the Art Section did to deserve the name. But that was all: it talked.

I made another discovery. For two years this misguided young woman had been listening to talks on Italian Art, with the result that she imagined that Italian Art was all the art there was, and that nothing that had been painted since the Sixteenth Century was worth looking at, or talking about.

Now, this woman, grown older, but not wiser, appears again. At least it must be she. She has awakened to the fact that there are persons who think enough of Modern Art to collect a great exhibition of modern pictures, in a gallery specially erected for that purpose. She concludes that she ought to know something about these paintings before visiting the Exposition and so she writes to the District Chairman of

Art. She wants to know the names of the Artists who will exhibit in the Palace of Fine Arts, all about them, even their ages. It would seem that she has a fear of committing to memory the names or artists whose work may not pass the jury. Or, perhaps she does not know there is to be a jury.

One thing ought to be made clear—that it is impossible to obtain a list of exhibitors before an exposition is opened. The Jury for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition meets in January. All pictures must be in before January 5. No one knows how many have been sent in.

I am sorry for that young woman. If she really cared for pictures she would go to the Exposition without anticipatory worries. But she thinks she OUGHT to care for them, which is a very different attitude of mind.

The true picture lover, whether artist or layman, will spend no time in memorizing names and dates. He will go to the Palace of Fine Arts on a tour of discovery. He will welcome familiar names. He will be glad when old favorites surpass themselves, or sorrowful at any decline in their skill, but perhaps his greatest interest will be in the finding of a good picture by an unknown artist.

The person with a real love of art will study the pictures and statuary during the Exposition, will read what he may find pertaining to both art and artists, during and after the Exposition. It would never occur to him that any one would try to prepare for an exhibition by the reading of biography and criticism. It is as if one read the titles of books instead of the contents. One must SEE many works of Art to understand and appreciate them.

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Great interest is manifested in the good roads movement in North Carolina.



# LOS ANGELES, THE BEYREUTH OF AMERICA

By Mrs. William H. Jamison

Secretary, American Opera Association

California Vice-President, National Federation of Music Clubs

At a meeting of the National Board of the National Federation of Musical Clubs, which was held about two years ago, Mrs. Jason Walker, Chairman of the American Music Committee, offered a suggestion that during the year 1915, when all the world would be coming to the Pacific Coast, some western city might be willing to offer a prize for an American Opera through the Federation and would undertake the production of the opera as one of its attractions. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. David Allen Campbell, another member of the committee, came west to look over the situation and decided that Los Angeles would be the best city to undertake the proposition.

At first thought it was enough to stagger the most enthusiastic, but though it looked almost too big a thing to undertake, it was much too big a thing for Los Angeles to reject. Mr. F. W. Blanchard, who was the chairman of the committee and is President of the American Opera Association, which was later formed to carry out the plans, suggested that it would be too much of an effort to put forth unless it could be made to assume something of a permanent form and it was finally decided that if the National Federation of Musical Clubs would consent to hold every alternate festival in this city, for as long a time as we were willing to offer a prize and produce a new American opera, we would undertake the work.

The sum of \$10,000 was decided upon as the amount of the prize, and it has just been awarded to Mr. Horatio Parker for his opera "Fairyland." There were fifty-six entries and the judges were unanimously in favor of this one. The envelopes containing the names of the competitors were opened in the presence of a notary after the award had been made and it was found that

Mr. Parker was the successful contestant.

The raising of the prize money and the production of the opera is in the hands of the American Opera Association of Los Angeles, which must not be confused with any other organization having a similar name. There is no other having a similar purpose, for this is purely philanthropic and there is no possible way by which any of the officers can receive any compensation for the things they are doing. Mr. J. F. Sartori is the custodian of the funds; not one penny can be expended except over the signature of both the President and the Secretary and the vouchers must be further signed by three members of the executive committee.

The giving of sixty performances of a prize opera will mark an epoch in the history of American music. All the managers who have been consulted are agreed that the opera should not only repay the expenses of its production, but that there should be a considerable sum in addition, as a nucleus for the next prize. It is simply a question of raising the money in advance and the Association is taking subscriptions, which will allow the contributors to take all, or any portion of the amount, in tickets for the opera or any of the other festival events. The sale of seats will be open to subscribers before it is announced to the general public, and it is hoped that the house will be sold out for several performances before the opera is put on.

In addition to the prize opera and the regular festival programmes as carried out at other biennials, a World's Congress of Musicians of which Mr. Charles Wakefield Cadman is Chairman, will meet in connection with this festival. Mr. Cadman's committee comprises some of the most illustrious of the American musicians and they

have signified their intention of coming here, and of presenting or conducting their own works. Too much cannot be said of the unselfishness and enthusiasm with which Mr. Cadman is working to further the interests of good music in his own country. He has "arrived" and is eager to help those who are not so fortunate and to put American music upon the dignified basis where it belongs.

The details of the programme will be settled at a meeting of the Board of the National Federation but the tentative outline is as follows: June 24—Reception of officers; (music furnished by Los Angeles singers and instrumentalists); June 25—Opening of Convention. (Afternoon and evening devoted to choral and orchestral work of public schools); June 26—Continuation of convention, (chamber music and orchestral concerts afternoon and evening); June 27—Every church in Los Angeles and vicinity will arrange for sacred concerts, including organ recitals by visiting organists, featuring exclusively works by American composers; June 28—The choral organizations of California will be heard in competitive concerts, day and evening; June 30—Artists' concerts, day and evening; July 1—First performance of the American Price Opera; July 2—Second performance of prize opera; July 3—Grand pageant, beginning with the music of the Aborigines, followed by early Spanish and mission music and the music of the Padres; later Spanish music; the coming of the Gringo music down to the present time and a parade of visiting musical enthusiasts.

This year will determine the position of Los Angeles, and its neighboring cities, musically and just what part they will have in the development of a musical America—with themselves as the center of it. We have such an opportunity as has never before been presented to any American city and it is no exaggeration to say that the whole world is watching eagerly to see what use we make of it. It rests with

ourselves as to whether or not we make a success of the coming festival season and by so doing bring all these wonderful musical advantages to us every four years. The value of having regularly recurring festivals for which our musicians may plan and toward which they may work cannot be over estimated.

## **DOWNEY CLUB ENTERTAINS**

**Mrs. Antoinette Houghton**

**Chairman of Publicity**

Season's Greetings" was the message extended to visitors Wednesday, December 9 at the Saturday Afternoon Club of Downey. The Club rooms sang praises with their huge bouquets of flaming poinsettias. Christmas was suggested in the appointments of the banquet tables, carrying out the color scheme of green and red, with sprays of ferns, garlands of smilax and poinsettias, in all their glory of red. Mingling with the spirit of reciprocity which prevailed it presented a veritable poem of harmony.

The president, Mrs. J. Frank Stout, assisted by the reception committee, greeted over sixty guests. A delicious luncheon was served at 12 o'clock.

Visitors responded with toasts and graceful interchange of vital thought. To many this was an initial meeting. All expressed their appreciation of the privilege to be present on an occasion where "We look for Unity—but Unity in Diversity."

The program given by the young people of the club, was a special feature. We should encourage young girls to be a part of an organization where much is to be gained by coming in contact with thoughts of mature minds and the diverse opportunities club work offers. The piano trio by three little folks pointed to the coming generation of clubs and the original poem by Miss Martin assures us of the continuance of literary talent.

The presence of Mrs. H. A. Cable and Mrs. E. M. Cate, president and vice-president of the Los Angeles district, added much interest and inspiration to the day.

## LITERARY VALUE OF THE BIBLE

By Mrs. George F. Reinhardt  
State Chairman of Literature

An historian once made the interesting statement that every nation had bestowed upon the world some gift which the future incorporated into its civilization. The Greek, he said, gave us art, the Roman, political science, the Teuton, ideal family life, and so on to the Jew, who gave us monotheistic religion and a book unparalleled in the nobleness of its characters, elevation of its ideas, and diversity and richness of its expression.

The English Bible has been the inspiration in conduct and in art of the greatest men that speak our language. It is significant that the first coherent words of English speech, in the ancient form of the tongue that was used in the British Isles before William the Norman brought French blood and French speech, and transformed the Anglo Saxon into modern English, are found in a verse modeled on the Hebrew scriptures.

The Bible is, strictly speaking, not a book but a library, composed of sixty-six different books written by almost as many different authors. These writings stretch over a period of more than a thousand years, and take the form of many types of literature. Genesis is a collection of prehistoric stories; Exodus, and the following three books are a collection of civil and religious laws made for governing the Jews in their migratory history; Kings and Chronicles are a series of historical records; Ruth, a simple and delightful tale; Esther, a glimpse of court life; Job, a drama; the Psalms, a collection of lyric poems to be used in Hebrew worship; Proverbs, a volume of wise sayings from many sources; the Song of Songs, a love drama; Ecclesiastes, a poem in which the philosophy of despair is tried out against the philosophy of hope; and, besides all these, there are the writings of the prophets consisting of sermons, narratives, and symbolic tales

applicable, not only to the Jews, but to humanity at large.

Recall the nobility of the characters that appear in history and story, the deep truths in the philosophy of the old Testament; the Messianic hope that inspired law-maker, priest, and prophet, the passionate love of God, and goodness, and nature, and, in the new Testament, the simple and beautiful stories in which the Messianic hope is realized, and in which the parables of the Messiah become models of all that is noble and uplifting in prose literature.

Before the settlement of America perhaps the strongest impulse towards democracy was given when the Bible, turned but recently into the English tongue, was ordered set up in the churches that, whosoever wished, might come and read. The crowds that gathered round the Bible in the nave of St. Paul's, or the family group that hung on its words in the devotional exercises at home, were leavened with a new literature.

Let us study the Book of books as a revelation unparalleled in strength and loveliness by any other of the world literature, an inspiration toward better citizenship and a finer type of national spirit.

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The Inland Waterways Association of California, at the semi-annual session held in Stockton, September 24-26, unanimously adopted resolutions favoring such action on the part of the United States government as will result in protecting the Imperial Valley and the \$75,000,000 of wealth that the people of that valley have developed within recent years, from the disastrous effects of the overflow of the Colorado River, and recommending the immediate appropriation by Congress of a sufficient fund to establish such retaining levees and other works as will protect the Imperial Valley from the danger of overflow.



## DISSECTING CALIFORNIA CLUB WOMEN

By **Lutie E. Stearns**

Director in the General Federation of Women's Clubs

(Miss Stearns, who is one of the most brilliant epigrammatists and reparteeists Los Angeles club women have heard for some time, did not say she was dissecting club women, but we take the responsibility of so naming her clever article.—Ed. Note.)

The club-women of California may be grouped into two great classes—those that “work” and those that “play.”

Climatic conditions, the ease of living in apartments fitted with every labor saving device, the many cafeterias and delicatessen shops, and the cheap household labor are all factors tending to give the women, who wish to take advantage of them, more leisure than is vouchsafed to the women of any other state within our knowledge.

To our mind there is a moral responsibility invoked in such living conditions that is not recognized by the average woman. Many women in California have left toil and hardships in varying degrees behind them in the eastern states and have come here for surcease from care. They join one of the larger clubs to promote acquaintanceship and to keep in touch with modern thought through the weekly programs. Their interest practically resolves itself into keeping up their dues and in attending such sessions as may appeal to their personal fancy. They do not attend the business meetings, take no part in the election of officers, and decline to serve on committees. Their value to the club lies in the money received from their dues and in filling the chairs at the lectures.

There is another class of club women in California. They may be termed the idealistic class. They see in club membership a great, vital opportunity for service. They realize the possibilities of organized womanhood. They look upon the leisure granted them as a God-given grace for the advancement of His Kingdom upon Earth. These women decline to study Ancient Greece until they solve the problem of the “grease” at their back doors. They will not consider culture in the draw-

ing-room or parlor while corruption exists at the city hall or state house.

They will listen to talks on “The Influence of Persian Wars Upon the Philosophy of Vendalli” as a pleasant mental tintinnabulation, but their real interests lie in “humans” and in a discussion of the great, vital, everyday problems affecting “humans” of all conditions, races, and climes. They look upon their enfranchisement as an opportunity to better civic conditions and they decline to regard “politics” and “pollution” as synonymous terms.

They are the Club women who are trying to bring back into political life the old-time idea that politics “is the administration of public affairs in the interest of the peace, prosperity and safety of the state.” These women realize that in the accomplishment of the higher purposes of organized womanhood, they must stand “side by side,” shoulder to shoulder, not in “rings,” without rancour, or division, or petty jealousies; that as in a Nation, so in a State, there must be no North, no South, but Union Indissoluble.

At the 1913 session of the Legislature, a bill was passed empowering the governor to appoint a board to investigate and report on the merits of a system of mother's pensions and old age insurance. Governor Johnson has appointed the following committee to carry out this work and report to the coming legislature suggestions for appropriate legislation: Katharine Felton of the San Francisco Associated Charities; William H. McCarty, San Francisco supervisor; Mrs. Frances Noel, Los Angeles social worker; Dr. Flora W. Smith, Kingsburg social worker; John Francis Neylan, chairman state board of control.—(California Outlook).

## CALL FOR SAN JOAQUIN

**Mrs. Harry A. Bates**  
District President

Per Mrs. Leslie Ferris, Press Chairman

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the San Joaquin District, C. F. W. C., will be held at Selma, February 11-13, 1915. The president, Mrs. H. A. Bates, earnestly requests all clubs to send full delegations—delegates who will carry home inspirational messages of the Federation.

The program for the convention is being so planned as to bring out, in the presentation of its topics by able speakers, and in the free discussions which will follow, the many important lines of work which are appearing before club women. Particular attention has been given to the engagement of speakers to present topics of general interest at the evening sessions. The Selma Club will arrange a program of music. The president desires each club in the district to send comprehensive and concise reports of work actually accomplished by the club.

San Joaquin district was represented at the Legislative Council of California, San Francisco, December 12, by the president, Mrs. H. A. Bates, and Miss Esta Broughton, a member of the Modesto Woman's Improvement Club, who is a law student at the University of California. The delegates report a very profitable session of the Council.

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For twenty years the El Cajon Valley Wednesday Club has filled a large place in the social and intellectual life of our little Valley. We are not a regular Study Club, but devote one afternoon each month to a gathering, very Democratic, uplifting, inspiring, and educative, as well as social and restful to the busy house-mothers and home-makers of our Valley. It has forty members, and is federated in County, State and general Federation. —(Mrs. D. G. Gordon, President).

## AN ART PROPHECY

The waves of the Pacific sang to the shores of California their same sweet, weird melody centuries gone by; the warm winds caressed the same hill-sides of the Sierras before white-man set foot in this country; the same dome of heaven encompassed this land when the Master-hand was moulding the destiny of a great United States.

This wonderous song of California is but beginning to be heard throughout the land and the strings are becoming more and more vibrant, for the volume of song is greater with every year. It is the pioneer song of the painter, poet and musician, who are the interpreters of their people.

Let not this song, oh people, pass unheeded, but take unto heart that no expression in art can be too beautiful to express California and be placed in public parks or public institutions, whether it be sculpture or mural decoration.

The child should have instilled a sense of the beautiful from its earliest days by association with works of art and be given an appreciation and understanding of them. More artists and lecturers are coming to California every year and where an individual or an institution is striving to sow seeds for a harvest of high ideals, so truly will the beautiful enter the daily lives of those in that community and make it better in every sense.

There is a romance and dignity to the open in California which conveys the grandeur of an Athens and the day will truly come when some dreamer shall express this land in either song or on canvas that will find companionship with the great expressions of earth.

HAMILTON ACHILLE WOLF.

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Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation, is spending two months at her home in Austin, Texas, after an absence of six months, traveling in the interest of the organization.

**AVERILL STUDY CLUB****Mrs. J. A. Smith, Past President**

The present Averill Club was started late in the eighties when a few admiring friends, including Miss Victoria Witmer, who is now one of our honorary members, asked to meet and study with our much loved Mrs. Averill, who was the "Mother of Study Clubs." The membership grew so rapidly that she was obliged to organize several clubs to meet in different parts of the city. This Club is the continuation of the Tuesday Afternoon Study Class.

Mrs. Averill prepared all programs and assigned the subjects to the various members; always opening with quotations and closing with current events. Our motto was "A little of all and all of a little." She was prepared on every subject and in her helpful manner would add to and direct the recitation. Those of us who were so fortunate as to sit under her teaching for four years, know she was not only a most gifted instructor, but a lovable friend and adviser.

In May, 1905, through failing health, she was obliged to discontinue this work, much to our regret. We organized the Averill Club that month with Mrs. L. W. Godin as its first President. She was followed by Mrs. Juliet Stever, who for two years, continued kindly and efficient teachings of her sister, Mrs. Averill. In all we have had seven Presidents. Last spring the District Federation acknowledged our rank among Clubs by wisely choosing our President, Mrs. H. A. Cable, for their head. Our present presiding officer is Mrs. F. K. Adams, who not only rules in a scholarly and efficient manner, but is carrying out the principle on which were built friendship, kindness and sisterly love.

Our membership of fifty is full. We meet Tuesday afternoons at Cumnock Hall, except for monthly events at the homes of members.

**"FEDERATION" DAY**

The Southern California Woman's Press club of which Mrs. Lavinia Griffin Graham is the splendid president, held a General Federation Day recently with Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, General Federation Chairman of Peace, the speaker.

Mrs. Cowles spoke on Peace, a subject with which she is intellectually and sympathetically conversant. Her thoughts came ping-pong across space in brilliant epigrams, aristocratic sarcasms, and with a deep underlying forcefulness that has given her work in the cause such momentum.

She says: "There must be a common ground on which the people of the Twentieth Century can stand that could forever settle this matter of international dispute in a moral, social, economical way. We are educating the women to find the way."

Mrs. Mary E. Garbutt, great peace worker, gave a thrilling talk against war, and the discussion called out much impromptu oratory. The Press club will hold a Reciprocity Day, January 19 at Trinity Auditorium.

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A woman has offered to open and direct a free market in Chicago. Mrs. William Severin, vice-chairman of the Seventh Illinois Congressional District, says she will give her whole time to the management of such a market and twenty-five women from the political clubs of her district will also donate their time. They propose to sell meats and farm produce at cost.

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Is it not gratifying to know that the General Federation now has a million and a half members? We were standing still at the 800,000 figure for so many years that some of us began to wonder if we were fated to remain there.

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A minimum wage and maximum hour bill for women is to be introduced into the 1915 general assembly of Arkansas and it will receive the active support of the club women.

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Club women of Ohio are co-operating with the State Blind Commission to secure a market for the work of the blind of the state, so that they may become self-supporting.



## "CITY MOTHERS" CLEARING HOUSE

By Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe

First Vice-President, City Mothers' Conference

Los Angeles has "City Mothers" as well as City Fathers. Chief of Police Charles Sebastian evolved the plan of having some medium through which the delinquent children of the city may be handled without being humiliated by being sent to the jail or to the Probation Department of the court.

Many of the troubles of children and parents may easily be adjusted, if given the proper consideration in the beginning of the trouble. Incurrable girls and boys should first be given a chance to understand the RIGHT before they are made "Court Charges." Very frequently, after investigation, it is found to be a case of the "Incurrable parent" rather than an incurrable child.

It is the intention of "The City Mothers' Conference Committee" to investigate cases brought to their attention and then, when possible, try to adjust the trouble outside of the court. This method is confidentially expected to serve a dual purpose. It will allow a child to maintain self respect and go on with the affairs of life, and still know that he or she is under the guardian care of "The City Mother."

There will be no Public record kept of the names of those applying for help or guidance. Reports to the Central Station, will be made in numbers, and not in names. It is the intention to try to gain the confidence of both parent and child and by thus safeguarding their confidences, there should be no hesitancy, on the part of the most sensitive, in coming to the woman, who will try at all times to be a real friend and adviser to those in need of a loving and sympathetic friend.

Chief Sebastian, first appointed Mrs. Althea Gilbert as "City Mother" with Mrs. Frank Owen and Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe as co-workers and advisers. Later it was deemed advisable to have a larger committee to assist with the

work. Seven women were chosen to serve on this "Advisory Board." These women were taken from the prominent clubs and civic organizations.

Monday, October 3, the committee met in the Mayor's office and organized for the purpose of systematic and proper management. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Jefferson Gibbs; First Vice-President, Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe; Second Vice-President, Mrs. P. P. O'Brien; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Westphaling; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Stoddard.

Plans have been perfected to open offices in the old Normal school building, Grand avenue and Fifth street. This is far removed from the jail and court and the parent and child need have no thought of courts and jails when they feel disposed to consult the "Mother" in charge of these offices. Mrs. Gilbert has had long experience in the work with the women and girls who have been so unfortunate as to have been taken to the jail, and the committee feels assured that the misunderstandings of many mothers and children will be happily solved through this clearing house.

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The Civic Outlook Club of Redondo Beach is a live energetic club which recently issued a Woman's Edition of the Redondo Reflex. The credit for the success of this edition, aside from the hearty cooperation of the many progressive members of the club, was due to the businesslike and altogether editorial work of Mrs. W. A. Galentine, the president, who also is State Chairman of Civil Service Reform.

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The time is soon coming when even the "oldest inhabitant" cannot remember when suffrage was granted to the women of Wyoming. It happened in 1869—forty-five years ago.

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### NORTHERN

**By Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge**

District Chairman, Club Extension

The Executive Board meeting was held at Roseville December 5 and combined with the Reciprocity Day of the Women's Improvement Club, proved a most delightful and profitable meeting.

Mrs. A. F. Jones presided, with the following officers and visiting club presidents in attendance: Mrs. C. O. Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. B. F. Walton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. V. S. Woolley, Auditor; Mrs. F. W. Quast, Chairman of Civics; Mrs. C. H. Walsh, History and Landmarks; Mrs. George Hamilton, Literature; Mrs. W. E. Craig, Club House Loan Fund; Mrs. W. S. Kendall, Waterways; Mrs. George McCoy, Club Extension; Mrs. J. H. Harbaugh, State Chairman of Legislation; Miss Susan Smith, State Chairman Library and Bureau of Information; Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, District Chairman Club Extension; Miss Annie Gilbert, President Kingsley Art Club; Mrs. Ben Tabor, President Auburn Improvement Club; and Mrs. Hugh Bradford, President of the Tuesday Club of Sacramento.

Interesting reports were given which showed the Northern District to be growing steadily. The Red Bluff Improvement Club with 87 members has applied for membership in the Federation.

Mrs. F. W. Quast urged beginning the California Beautiful movement for 1915. Women's clubs should undertake planting vacant lots adjacent to highways and railways with poppy seed and quick blooming annuals.

Miss Smith spoke of the County Library and benefits to be derived from use of the State Library. Mrs. C. H. Walsh asked that club women interest themselves in preserving the historic landmarks of Placer County, made famous in song and story.

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## The New York

CLOAK & SUIT HOUSE



Mrs. Woodbridge paid a high tribute to Mrs. Francis Fairchild of Placerville who has recently published a volume, "The Life and Times of Gen. John A. Sutter," which is said to contain invaluable data heretofore unpublished. It was unanimously voted to indorse the work of Mrs. Fairchild and to ask Schools and Libraries throughout the district to secure the book.

The Board voted to oppose the movement to change the name of Arbor day to Conservation day, arguing that Conservation in all things should be taught in the public schools every day, but to intensify the meaning of Arbor day by planting trees and flowers and teaching the necessity for the care and protection of the forests and valley trees of the district.

Mrs. Harbaugh reported the Legislative Council as carefully at work on a few bills for presentation at the coming session of the Legislature. Interest and study of the Smith-Lever bill, which provides for the appropriation of funds for the education of women in Home Economics was urged.

A beautifully appointed Rose luncheon was served by the Women's Club of Roseville, of which Mrs. Woodbridge is president, which was a novel and well executed affair. Mrs. A. E. Brown, Vice-President of the club, was general chairman of the committee of arrangements.

A splendid program occupied the time of the afternoon and although the day was stormy the program was completely carried out and another red letter day was added to the long list of this wide-awake club.

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#### NORTHERN NOTES

By Miss Jennie A. McConnell, Press Chairman  
A most helpful Reciprocity day was held in Chico in November. Reciprocity Days have proved a great success in our district, and we can conscientiously recommend them.

The Elk Grove Friday Club was recently entertained by Mrs. C. H. Walsh of Auburn, with a lecture on California Missions, with stereopticon views.



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Mrs. Walsh has been generous in giving this highly entertaining lecture to several clubs in the district.

Once a year the Elks Grove Friday Club holds a meeting at which the families of the members are invited. The program is always one to provoke merriment. This year the entertainment was a mock club meeting and banquet.

The Placerville Shakespeare Club is deeply interested in the preservation of trees bordering the Placerville-Lake Tahoe road, some of which are being cut by property owners. State Forester Homans has been interviewed and says it is impossible to prevent owners from cutting their timber, and that the only solution would be for the state to purchase a strip on each side of the highway and establish a park. While the Placerville women have an abundance of zeal, they realize that it will take the united efforts of such a body of women as the C. F. W. C. to accomplish anything, and are hoping for co-operation from that organization. This is a state question, as the road is a part of the Lincoln Highway.

## LOS ANGELES

**By Ella Hamilton Durley,  
Press Chairman**

Announcement is made by Mrs. Herbert A. Cable that the Los Angeles District Board will entertain the State Executive Board of the Federation at luncheon following the state board meeting the fourth Thursday in January. Both the state and the district will hold individual board meetings in the morning at a joint session in the afternoon.

At the Los Angeles District Federation board meeting held at Christopher's Dec. 10, Miss Lloy Galpin, representing the Waterways committee of which Mrs. E. R. Brainerd is chairman, gave many interesting deductions regarding water distribution and waterways. "Water, municipally owned, can never be permanently alienated."

The Business Woman's Civic club of Los Angeles is conducting a genuine long-continued campaign of education among business women. The club took no summer vacation. The members have listened to many speakers of big calibre, and to candidates, and have given close attention to discussions of issues. It is also making a continued study of local industrial conditions.

Two lines of work occupy the Woman's City club of Long Beach, the discussion of Current Events and a practical study of Parliamentary Law.

The Long Beach Ebell club is making an especial effort to get strictly in line with Federation work through a local chairman for each department.

Mrs. Florence Dodson Schonneman of San Pedro is the recently appointed district chairman of Emblems.

The Reciprocity day given by the Woman's club of Downey, Wednesday, December 9, proved an inspiration to those who attended. The gospel of Federation was set forth by Mrs. H. A. Cable.

Echo Park Mothers' club of Los Angeles is an organization among the mothers for the promotion of Education and Recreation. Meetings are held every Thursday from 10 to 12, Echo Park clubhouse; 10-11, gymnasium and recreation; 11-12, study of subjects of vital concern to the home and family. Once a month a community educational and social evening is open to fathers and mothers. Children accompanying their parents are given recreation in a special room. Cooperating with the playground committee, the club gave a Christmas play for the neighborhood.

Mrs. Frank Garrett, Treasurer of the Friday Morning club, announced at a recent meeting that the club is entirely out of debt. In 1910, the last block of stock of the Woman's Club House Association was purchased by the club; total value of stock, \$54,250. The club owned another lot, purchased in 1907, for \$30,000. It was not possible to obtain all the stock of the Woman's Club House Association and the club bought

the other lot because it wanted to own its own clubhouse. In 1910, the remaining block of stock was purchased.

By June, 1900, the total amount of indebtedness of the club was \$55,555. Of this \$35,000 was in favor of a certain bank; \$20,550 was in notes payable to club members, ranging from \$100 to \$1000.

By an overwhelming majority the club voted to remain on Figueroa street—and the other lot was sold for \$35,000. March, 1913, the sum of applied on the debt. The remaining \$20,550 has, during the past four years been paid out of the treasury. Each year two-fifths of all moneys received for dues is added to the building fund, amounting to something like \$4500 to \$5000. This year the club used \$3000 out of the building fund and wiped out the last of the indebtedness.

### SOUTHERN

Mrs. Helene M. Deimling, Press Chairman

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Six Imperial Valley towns are represented in the County Federation which is working through ten departments. The History and Landmarks committee are planning to erect a monument to the heroes who gave their lives for the Valley when the Colorado broke its banks. Funds are to be secured by selling the poem, "The Break of the Colorado," by Mrs. Bixby.

The County Federation has two official "Clean-up Days—the first Saturdays in March and November. The work of the Education committee, under Mrs. W. W. Apple, Chairman, is the use of schools as social centers. The Forestry department, under the leadership of Mrs. Ira Aten, generously gives to all who ask, flowers and roots for beautifying yards and parkings.

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taken much interest in Better Babies contests.

San Diego County Federation will be greatly helped by the material on different subjects, which Mrs. Kettner, wife of their Congressman, is gathering in Washington, D. C. The greatest efforts of the Federation the coming year is toward the Exposition Exhibits in the Woman's Building. Each club is represented by some member's work.

The Woman's Club of Brawley was hostess to the Imperial County Federation of Women's Clubs in an all-day session Saturday, December 12. The meeting was held in the High School auditorium. Mrs. J. R. Stevenson, president of the federation, presiding with dignity and fairness.

Mrs. Eugene Le Baron presented the plea for a \$50,000 state endowment fund, outlining the plan submitted by the state president, Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer.

The report of the committee to revise the constitution and by-laws was read by Mrs. W. S. Fawcett. This report will be acted upon at the annual meeting of the county organization, to be held at Calexico early in February.

The reports of the presidents, outlining the work of their several clubs, was most interesting and prominent speakers on the program were many.

### DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

The Los Angeles District is specializing on a series of Joint Department Conferences and the plan is meeting with such success that other Districts might well incorporate the idea into their machinery of work.

Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, who is doing effective work as District President, instituted the idea. Prison Reform, Legislation and Industrial and Social Conditions were made jointly interesting at a meeting held Dec. 2 at the Friday Morning club when women and men

versed in public affairs discussed big questions of import.

Among speakers were Mrs. Frank E. Wolf, (City Mothers); Mrs. E. K. Foster (Juvenile protection); Mrs. Seward A. Simons (Legislation); Mrs. Elizabeth Baker Bohan (Prison Reform); Mr. Duryea (Child Labor); Judge Wilbur (Juvenile Protection Law); and Judge Taft (Juvenile Protection).

### SMALL CLUB—BIG WORK

The Los Amigos Civic Club of Loretta, organized March, 1906, has eleven members. Since joining the Federation in 1910 it has taken up Civic Work. There is a park in the town and the club keeps the grounds clean and the pavilion in repair. The platform was built by the people but the club spent over \$200 in completing a roof and the sides.

Over \$30 was expended to wire the town for street lights; \$13 to wire the pavilion; \$85 to beautify the school grounds; \$12 each year toward the minister's salary; \$10 donation for the Cross at Trinidad Head; \$10 toward a new fence in the Park. The club has \$500 in the Bank for a building fund, and in the near future expects to erect an attractive bungalow Club House in the Park.

Meetings are at the various homes where work is mingled with pleasure alternate Fridays.

The English suffrage societies, perfectly organized as they were, had nothing to do but turn their magnificent machinery on to the work of administering relief. They are cooperating with various social and religious bodies throughout the country, regardless of all differences of creed denomination and party and opinion.

It means that women's opportunity has come. They can put their beliefs to the test and justify many of their claims.

A junior Civic League, the first in the state exclusively for girls, has been organized by club women at Ocala, Fla.



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that have the great and wonderful clean political power that the California Federation has, and there never will be; and there is no avenue where women can bring the pressure of strong, courageous politics so thoroughly and decisively as in this scientific body which covers not only legislation, but the whole gamut of moral, social and political economy.

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The club women of Massachusetts are to be congratulated on the successful result of their campaign, for the protest against the high steps of street cars.

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### 1915 GREETINGS

**Rachel Vrooman Colby**  
President Alameda District

For the State, I would wish a very prosperous year, a marked increase in the effectiveness of its work. May its officers be able to point, at the end of the year, to work accomplished, which, but for the power which lies in Federation, would have failed.

To all the Districts and their Presidents, my very best wishes for a successful outcome of the work in which each is specially interested. As the Districts are stronger each year, because of the faithful service rendered by the Presidents, may each President, from her connection with the work of the District, gain much of Federation enthusiasm and friendships that will endure.

To my own District, I offer, as a New Year gift, the best of which I am capable: enthusiastic, faithful work in its service, a keen interest in the fortunes of the clubs and a true friendliness for the individual members.

### MUSIC GREETINGS

**Mrs. Walter Longbotham**  
State Chairman of Music

It is with great pride that I send greetings from our department of music. Each year has seen it grow, and I find the very keenest interest in our American music and this year especially in our Californian composers.

The tendency is for a much better element of music, the public seems to be drifting toward a much higher class, and is demanding more skill in every form. To dance the modern dances, one must use brains to master them, consequently a higher standard is being attained.

I note also that more interest is being shown in all of the Clubs, many of which have departments of music. Others are aiming to establish them, while some devote nearly all their energies to the study of music. And I am quite safe in saying that all of our clubs are interested in this beautiful art.

### CALL FOR ALAMEDA

Mrs. W. E. Colby, District President

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of Alameda District will be held in the Twentieth Century Club House, 2716 Derby Street, Berkeley, February 25-26-27. Will you see that your Club has its full quota of delegates at this Convention, and will you urge the general attendance of your club members? This will insure a successful convention, and in return bring to your club enthusiasm and an increase of its influence and usefulness through the cooperation which a Federated convention affords.

The convention will be called to order Thursday, February 25 at 2 o'clock. Each club shall be entitled to representation by its president or her appointee, and one delegate, or her alternate, for every 50 members, or fraction thereof. No proxies are allowed. No delegate can represent more than one club. The Secretary of each club shall certify, one week before the annual meeting, the names of the delegates and alternates from her club, to the Treasurer of the District, Mrs. Fisher R. Clarke, 321 West Flora Street, Stockton. Credentials should be presented in person Thursday, February 25, between 12 and 1:30. Dues of 5 cents per capita should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer of the District. Presidents' reports are limited to 3 minutes.

For reservations during the convention, or for information, address Mrs. C. S. Downes, 2514 Benvenue, Berkeley.

The Hostess club, the Twentieth Century Club of Berkeley, is making every effort to insure the success of the convention. Mrs. Aaron Schloss, 2925 Hillegas, Berkeley, is chairman of the local board.

A banquet and reception to State District officers is planned for Thursday evening, February 25, \$1.00 a plate. Those desiring reservations notify the Chairman of the Committee, enclosing check, before Tuesday, February 23.

There will be discussions from the floor, in which it is hoped all dele-

gates will participate, of the following subjects: "The Study vs. the Civic Club"; and "Shall the County Lines Bound the District?"

Resolutions may be sent to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Mrs. J. C. Lynch, 1845 University, Berkeley. All resolutions must be in writing and be endorsed by a delegate of a Federated club. Resolutions must be in the hands of the Committee at the close of the second day of the convention.

It is hoped that each delegate and club member will feel the importance of personally contributing toward making the convention a reunion of true fellowship and co-operation.

### BOARD TALKS BY-LAWS

At the executive board meeting held December 3, Los Angeles, the Revision of By-Laws and plans for entertainment at the State Convention in San Francisco formed the chief topics of discussion. The Revision committee, of which Mrs. Calvin Hartwell is chairman, is hard at work on ideas for bettering the State Constitution. Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. W. L. Jones of the committee were at the board conference.

The suggestion made by Mrs. Hartwell that there be added to the Constitution a By-Law prohibiting all women holding office in the Federation from taking active part in politics, was spiritedly dismissed as the majority of board members felt they had a perfect right as individuals for political preference and activity outside of, and in addition to, their Federation work. The By-Law was advanced by Mrs. Hartwell as a future means of protecting the Federation in case that Federation control should come in the province of unscrupulous officials.

Mrs. Foster Elliot was granted a Good Roads Commissioner under her department of Forestry. All Resolutions hereafter presented for action at State Conventions must first go through the department of Federation

under which they fit, in order that the State Chairman of that department may pass on their worth, need and stability.

Mrs. Palmer reported that Humboldt County is alive with Federation spirit; that the San Francisco District con-

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vention was harmonious without a note of dissent; and that the Southern District convention compared favorably with any State convention. She also said she did not want any woman to be kept away from the State convention in May because of great expense. The Board felt that the first class San Francisco hotels were taking advantage of the Exposition to raise their rates excessively.

Present at the meeting were Mesdames Palmer, W. C. Mushet, Henry DeNyse, George Butler, H. A. Cable, A. J. Lawton, J. A. Osgood, C. C. Arnold, W. A. Galentine, Foster Elliot, Calvin Hartvell, Haines W. Reed; Commissioners, Mesdames Frank A. Gibson and Harriet Williams Myers; and Mrs. W. L. Jones, revision committee member.

Mrs. J. D. McMaster, President of the California Club of San Francisco, has offered the services of her club as an information bureau for the State convention, acting in cooperation with the recently formed Local Board, with liberty to appoint 25 workers.

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## BIRTH REGISTRATION

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Programs on "The Literature of the Bible" may be obtained from Mrs. George F. Reinhardt, State Chairman of Literature, 1809 Euclid avenue, Berkeley. This paper was read at the Literature Conference at the Riverside convention by Mrs. Samuel E. Epler, Los Angeles, District Chairman of Literature, and is one of the best papers written on Bible literature. Study clubs will do well to apply for copies.

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The club women of Georgia have made such a success of all their mountain industrial schools that now South Georgia asks them to establish one in that section.

## COUNCIL APPROVES BILLS

Although the selection of the five bills toward which the Women's Legislative Council will throw its strength of 75,000 women this session of the Legislature was not officially selected at the meeting held in San Francisco December 12, certain bills did receive such preliminary endorsement that look favorable for their final selection in the group of five.

Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, president, was in the chair. Bills approved were the Jury Bill, Birth Registration, amended (in case of disaster it be legal to re-register births); Home Teachers' Bill, Community Property Bill. The Cemetery Bill and Bill for Writing in Names on the Ballot were laid on the table as not being of special importance relative to women and children.

Relative to the Community Property Bill, a motion was lost that northern and southern delegates vote separately on this Bill; following which the Bill was approved. The Educational Bill was reconsidered and the committee presenting it was instructed to confer with the State Board of Education and report back to the Council. All bills were left over until the January meeting, too late for this issue of *The Clubwoman*. The Bill on the Moron Colony was not properly prepared.

To raise funds to carry on the work of the Council, a committee of three will be appointed by the president to solicit funds from the membership. Plans for headquarters at Sacramento will be announced later.

The following organizations were represented at the meeting: California Federation of Women's clubs, California Civic League, Berkeley Center, Anti-Capital Punishment league, Alameda District Federation, Woman's Council of Sacramento, Woman's Progressive Club of The Mission, California Congress of Mothers, San Joaquin Valley District Federation, and Juvenile Protective association.

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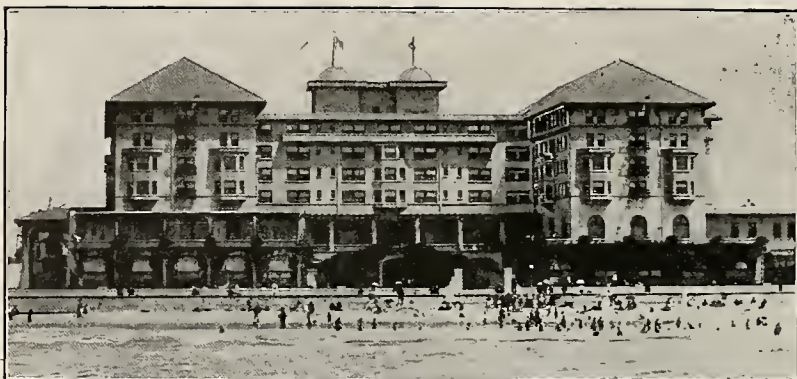
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## Editorial

We are in receipt of a letter from two subscribers to The Clubwoman who offer a criticism of the magazine in that it has not furnished enough publicity concerning the progress and developments of the work of the Revision of By-Laws committee and the progress of the State Endowment Fund. These readers wish definite information as to news concerning such development, and criticize the magazine for its "seemingly intentional laxity."

We beg to state we have not been lax. We cannot print news of things that have not happened nor can we always foretell what is about to happen. But we are proud to state that every scrap of Federation news which has happened, occurred, taken place, was held, or premeditated this year has been told in The Clubwoman when the editor received the word.

The Endowment Fund is being subscribed to, but of course the plans for an Endowment Fund must be approved at the State Convention. The same thing holds good with the work of the Revision committee. The committee has been hard at work making the necessary revisions, and will make a complete report soon. This report must also be passed on at the State Convention.

We have had nothing official to give out on either subject because nothing official has happened. When Federation committees are ready to make their reports, we are always glad to use them; but naturally they wish to report to the executive board first and to the magazine afterwards.

One writer says, "We never know what is going on in the executive board meetings. We as Federated women, paying toward the support of The Federation, have a right to know all that transpires, even if the board work may be only formal discussions."

If the subscriber had read her magazine carefully each month she would find that all developments of importance in board meetings have been told without any attempts to conceal any feature of the discussion. We have felt exactly as our correspondent feels—that matters under discussion in The Federation are matters which any and all Federated women have a right to know. It has been the aim of the editor this year to state things frankly and aboveboard. There is no reason why there should be any attempt to conceal matters which come before the State Board.

As to the Endowment Fund, that has been explained and discussed in several issues of the magazine, and may be understood by a consultation of back files.

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Mrs. Ellor Carline Ripley of Boston, chairman of the Educational Department of the General Federation, has appealed to the presidents of all State Federations, and also to chairmen of Education of these organizations, for co-operation in a country-wide campaign to reduce illiteracy. Mrs. Ripley encloses a table setting forth the standing of each State in this matter, and urges that the subject be brought at once to the attention of all clubs. Only eight States have fewer than three illiterates in every hundred inhabitants, and fifteen have from three to five illiterates in every hundred.



## IMPORTANCE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

**MISS GERTRUDE LONGENECKER, STATE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SAN DIEGO NORMAL**

The school system of the State of California includes the elementary school, the high school, the normal school and the State University. Each of these contributes its share to the making of efficient men and women; each is a necessary part in the system which takes the child at five or six years of age and year after year equips him for living—for his work, his play, his service to others in family, church and state. Each is a necessary part of the whole scheme of education, and yet in some ways the elementary school is the most important. "All the children of all the people" come into the elementary school, whereas a small percentage go into high school and college.

In 1910 in California, to every 1000 children in the elementary school there were only 114 in high school and 31 in college. That is, only 10 per cent of the school population was in high school, whereas 90 per cent was in the elementary school. Mr. Dayton, writing in Pearson's Magazine for October, 1914, on "Our Futile Public Schools," quotes the report of the United States Bureau of Education for 1912 in its statement that only 7 per cent of the children who enter the elementary school complete high school. Such figures make us realize that the great bulk of American citizenship must rest upon the constructive efforts of elementary schools, and that we can least afford to limit the effectiveness of these schools "of all the people." And yet a comparison of expenditures indicates that more than twice as much per pupil is apportioned to the high school as to the elementary school in most cases. The reports of 1910 show that Seattle spent \$101 per pupil for high schools and \$43.92 per pupil for elementary schools; Spokane, \$82.37 for high and

\$41.05 for elementary schools; Fresno, \$79.23 for high and \$39.32 for elementary schools; San Diego, \$91.15 for high and \$35.44 for elementary schools.

These figures show that the elementary school is the point of economy in school systems. Economy is secured by assigning a large class to one room and one teacher, and by limiting the equipment of laboratories, libraries, manual training and domestic science departments. The teacher of first-grade children should not have more than 15 or 20 children. The teaching of primary reading is so largely individual that the group should be small. Yet classes range from 30 to 50 in size.

In Butte, Montana, in 1913, out of 1131 first-grade children 267, or 28 per cent, failed in primary reading. These children were not promoted to the next grade. They became "repeaters." Again, to quote Mr. Dayton: "The public school system of the United States costs the American people \$446,726,929 a year to maintain. One single item of waste, that of retardation of pupils, costs the nation \$157,066,602 annually, more than one-third the total maintenance charge."

Confronted with such figures, does it not seem clear that the size of classes in the elementary school should be cut in two, and that those types of work which would make the elementary school effective should be given prominent place even at marked increase in necessary appropriations to elementary education?

There are four phases of elementary education which are already recognized, but which are certain to receive heartier support during the next ten years. Each may be considered a mode of conservation of human material. They are play and recreation; work and vocational education; conservation

of health through proper equipment, medical inspection and the teaching of hygiene; and the development of the spirit of co-operation and service among the children of the elementary school.

The play instinct is fundamental not only to child life, but also to adult life, unless it is so repressed during childhood as to become extinct or perverted. Society has prohibited wrong types of recreation, but has done little to construct right types. Prohibition of evil is an unpsychological method of attempting to regenerate society. Redirection of the play instinct into wholesome activities does away with the necessity for prohibition of evil. It was found that the opening of a playground in the stockyards district of Chicago decreased juvenile crime 44 per cent in the entire district. In the immediate vicinity of the playground crime was decreased 70 per cent, at the outer margin only 28 per cent. It is estimated that playgrounds cost a community \$1 for six weeks per child, whereas reform schools cost from \$18 to \$40 for six weeks, and hospitals from \$40 to \$60 for six weeks. When these facts become generally known we may reasonably expect that society will open up well-equipped and supervised playgrounds; that school houses will be opened in the evenings for all such activities as young people and their parents would be interested in, such as dancing, games, bowling, swimming, victrola concerts and motion-picture shows, and the use of the school plant for debates, civil discussions, dramatic clubs, etc. The second phase of elementary education is the preparation for work, or pre-vocational education. One of the prayers of mankind is, "Give us this day our daily bread," yet the school heretofore has ignored the prayer and sent forth its children to work unskilled and unprepared to earn a living. One million children leave school at the close of the fifth grade every year in this country. These children go to work at the only "jobs" which are open to them—"the dead-end

jobs," those in which there is no promise of growth, advancement or increase of wage.

The third phase of elementary education gaining attention is the health of school children and the teaching of hygiene. Learning has been gained at the expense of vitality too frequently in the past. Conservation of the child warrants medical inspection and dental clinics and the safeguarding of health by the providing of open-air buildings and movable furniture where feasible, and all possible sanitary appliances in school construction. The teaching of hygiene from the constructive and practical point of view, with the emphasis on daily practice, will add the element of conscious self-protection. The teaching of sex hygiene, while it presents difficulties, may be justified as a phase of constructive hygiene.

The fourth problem of elementary education is the less tangible problem of developing the spirit of co-operation and service inside of the school and out. Just how the old individualism can be modified by a consciousness of group-welfare it is difficult to outline. And yet every bit of work which emphasizes co-operation, everything which furthers group-effort, every occasion for helpfulness and the lending of a hand to others, has its contribution in the building of the finer ideals of social service.

Conservation of national resources is necessary for the safeguarding of the future. What resource have we which is more necessary to our own future than the boys and girls of the elementary school? The saving of human stuff by constructive education means safeguarding America, increasing individual happiness and productiveness, and reduction of the corrective expenditures through reform schools and prisons.

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Cucumonga Woman's club is offering programs to interest the community, and covers five Federation departments.

# EDUCATION FOR WAGE EARNING PURSUITS

By **MARY SCHENCK WOOLMAN**

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Organizer and First Director of Manhattan Trade School for Girls, New York City**

The awakening to the need of some form of education whereby children can be prepared for a life of industry is evident throughout the United States. The large number of pupils who drop out of school the moment the compulsory years are passed gives evidence of a condition needing correction. In New York City, a recent report states, of the 661,000 children entering the elementary school but 48,000 remain for graduation. Of this number less than one-half enter the high school and about one-sixth of those who enter (or 4079) will be graduated. A serious lack of interest in education is evident, and its corollary, poorly educated workers for the industries and citizens for the service of the community. Industry has been aroused to the realization that education must come to its assistance, for our workroom products are inferior to those of other countries and we are obliged, all too frequently, to call on foreign workmen for skilled parts of the trades. Social workers, also, are asking help in preventing the waste of human energy in the number of young wage earners who crowd into unskilled trades in which they cannot earn a living.

Vocational education is the help suggested for these conditions, in that it may give a training for the pursuits of life. Primarily it aims to make economic factors of its students. Vocational training is perhaps the most promising and interesting phase of education ever attempted. It is also the most difficult of solution. Each community must discover its own needs and meet them.

The selection of an able and devoted teaching force brings many problems. Trade workers would seem to be the best teachers for the occupations, and, indeed, they must be utilized, for they have the specific knowledge. They are, however, defective as teachers, for the

workroom, with its carefully subdivided trades, is not the best laboratory for the training of teachers. On the other hand, the instructor trained in the normal school is deficient in the knowledge of workroom procedure and finds difficulty in obtaining the actual experience she needs late in life. She has, however, qualities and teaching knowledge which are indispensable in a vocational school.

The public school is generally conceded to be the place to conduct vocational education. In New York, in the Manhattan Trade School for Girls (organized 1902), and in Boston, in the Boston Trade School for Girls (organized 1904), the beginnings were as private ventures. Both schools have been taken over by the school boards of these cities.

The desire for a vocational school being acknowledged in any community, it should be followed by a careful consideration of the local industrial and commercial situation in the employment of young people; by a study of the means of education already present for training workers for their occupations; and by a following up of those students who have taken positions, to determine how far their education has aided them and what could be added advantageously. The co-operation of such interests as business, labor, social, church, civic and school has been found not only to facilitate the investigations, but to help to make the later plans of instruction of more intrinsic value.

Vocational education includes agriculture, industry, commercial work and the household arts. The instruction may range widely from the pure agricultural instruction with a few simple repair shops needed in a farming district to the highly specialized industrial occupations required in the schools of large cities.

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## "SCHOOLS" FOR CITIZENSHIP

BY DANA W. BARTLETT, SOCIAL WORKER AND ECONOMIST

Los Angeles has dignified and glorified the method of entrance into citizenship. Naturalization of the alien hitherto cheapened and often debased, is now made a solemn ceremony, bearing with it much of the sanctity of a sacrament.

The newly arrived immigrants are encouraged to enter one of the many city night schools, open so freely for their recreation and education. Here they obtain not only a knowledge of English, but also many of the fundamentals of civic and national life. They are encouraged to take out their first papers at once. Those who apply to the County Clerk for second papers are given a card bearing a message from the presiding judge to the effect that schools of citizenship are open to them at Macey Street and at the Los Angeles High School, where, if they are faithful in attendance, they will have the opportunity of taking an examination in federal and local government and in the rights and duties of citizens. If this examination is successful a school certificate is given, which will be accepted by the court in lieu of a public examination.

The actual induction into citizenship takes place in the Los Angeles High School on the Wednesday evening following each monthly session of the Naturalization Court. This meeting is under the direction of the new Citizens' Civic Club, which is composed of recently naturalized citizens, who meet weekly at the High School Center for the discussion of civic questions. Patriotic music and motion films are helpful in attracting large audiences; addresses by prominent people representing the State, the city and the Board of Education precede the graduation exercises, as they are called.

Presiding Judge Wood gives to all members of the class advice as to the largest use of the new privileges which are theirs. Then, with the formal giving of the "right hand of citizenship,"

he presents each with his diploma, which is the big envelope containing the citizenship paper. Prominent citizens are on the platform to extend a hand of welcome to the newly made citizen.

Once each year all who have received their second papers during the past twelve months are invited to a welcome feast at the Los Angeles High School. An equal number of old citizens act as hosts, paying for two plates and sitting, old and new, alternately about the table.

The welcome feast and recognition service has been adopted as an annual event in Riverside county. It is hoped that every county where sufficient numbers of aliens are seeking admission to citizenship will adopt these methods which have proved so democratic in Los Angeles county.

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Mrs. Franklyn P. Iams, chairman of the Legislative Department of the General Federation, urges club women to make special study of the following important measures now before the National Congress:

The Child Labor Bill, prohibiting the shipment from one state to another of products of child labor except under certain specified conditions; the Hughes Vocational Education Bill, providing for the promotion of vocational education by extending Federal aid to the states (successor to the Page Bill); an equitable and adequate bill providing for safety at sea; a bill for the elimination of adult illiteracy in the United States (earnestly advocated by Mrs. Ellor Carlisle Ripley, chairman of Education, General Federation).

The bill urged by Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, chairman of Conservation, providing for the purchase of a tract in Colorado for a national park, has passed both houses of Congress.

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Miss Gertrude E. Longenecker, State Chairman of Education, has originated a remarkably complete and helpful set of outlines for club programs on education. No club should fail to have these outlines, for they cover elementary education; play and recreation, work and vocational education; health and hygiene, and social service. Write Miss Longenecker, Normal School, San Diego.



## GREETINGS FROM THE LOCAL BOARD

### MISS JESSICA LEE BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN

As chairman of the Local Board, I am glad to extend greetings to the women of the State Federation. This Local Board, elected to prepare for the entertainment of the Fourteenth Annual Convention, fully represents the San Francisco District as the hostess district, as well as San Francisco, the hostess city, for it was elected October 31 by a representative assembly of women who had just returned from the District Convention at Pacific Grove.

The members of the Board are unusually well qualified for the work of preparation, in view of the fact that they are prominent in local and national organizations. Mrs. Percy S. King, President of the District, is a member ex-officio of the board. The officers are: Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. J. MacMasters, President of the California Club; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louis Hertz, President National School Patronesses' Association; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Hollingsworth, President Channing Auxiliary; Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Knight, State Treasurer and President of Corona Club; auditor, Mrs. F. F. Bostwick, Past President Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club and connected with district work.

The list of chairmen thus far is composed entirely of presidents and past presidents of clubs, as follows: Art, Mrs. Edwin Stadtmuller; Hotels, Miss Jennie Partridge; Reception, Mrs. E. G. Denniston; Hospitality, Miss Helen Kimball; Information, Miss Margaret Curry; Special Courtesy, Mrs. David Henderson and Mrs. Henry Sahlein; Furnishing, Miss Florence Musto; Auditorium, Mrs. C. E. Grunsky; Trains, Mrs. George Mullin; Platform, Mrs. S. E. Peart; Excursion, Mrs. Myer Jacobs; Music, Mrs. Cecil Mark; Printing, Miss Roche.

The Local Board feels gratification in giving out these names and extending a warm invitation to, and welcoming through them, the women of the

State Federation to attend the convention which shall be, Deo Volente, the largest and most productive of good in the history of club life. The work of filling committees is almost completed and enthusiasm is constantly growing.

The Assembly Hall, reserved for the convention, is in the New Civic Center, is spacious and beautiful, and there seems an abundance of committee and conference rooms. There is to be a bulletin issued by the board containing information concerning hotels, trains, etc., this month.

The aim of the Local Board, its chairmen and committees, is not in ambition, nor in glory, but is in endeavor. There are no greatest nor least among us. We are a body. Our ideal is achievement in harmony, unity and peace. May I close with one of the modern mottoes which hangs upon the walls of many of our homes:

"Hail, Guest! We ask not who thou art,  
If friend, we greet thee hand and heart,  
If stranger, such no longer be,  
If foe, our love shall conquer thee!"

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Mrs. Clark McKee, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the two Panama Expositions, gave a splendid talk on the expositions before the La Mesa Woman's club January 4. This club, which is particularly alive to all big current issues, listened with great interest to the fascinating features outlined by Mrs. McKee, who in her effort has developed a strong desire among the women to visit both expositions. She is a most entertaining and resourceful speaker.

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Miss Ednah Rich, State Chairman of Home Economics, will speak before the Hollywood Woman's club February 24 on Home Economics. All members of the club should hear this young woman, who is an expert in all matters pertaining to home life. Miss Rich will also speak at the Alameda District convention the last of February.

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All the schools of Waterloo, Iowa, have flower gardens, thanks to the civic department of the Woman's Club. In most cases the children have done all the work.

## LOS ANGELES DISTRICT CONVENTION CALL

### BY MRS. HERBERT ARTHUR CABLE, DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Los Angeles District will be held in Long Beach, March 2, 3, 4 and 5 on invitation of the Long Beach Ebell. The sessions will be held in the Virginia Hotel and are open to all club women. Clubs are urged to elect full delegations and to request a large attendance that every club may benefit and receive inspiration from the convention.

There will be a Presidents' Council and General Assembly at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the discussion of the following: Redistricting C. F. W. C.; Amendment to Election By-Law; State Endowment Fund; roll call of clubs, and two-minute messages from Club Presidents or appointees.

The convention will be called to order at 9:30 Wednesday morning, March 3. The keynote of this convention will be constructive departmental work and the application of the District work to the needs of individual clubs. Opportunity will be given at each session for discussion from the floor. All speakers will be limited as to time.

Tuesday evening the Long Beach Ebell will present a program in compliment to the convention. Wednesday evening a musical will be given by the Federated Music Clubs under the direction of the District Chairman of Music, Carrie Stone Freeman.

Wednesday afternoon new clubs will be given a special welcome into the Federation.

Each club shall be entitled to representation by its President or her appointee and one delegate; clubs numbering one hundred members, by the President and two delegates and one additional delegate for every additional hundred members.

One week before the annual meeting the Secretary of each club shall send the names of delegates and alternates elected by the club to the Correspond-

ing Secretary of the District, Mrs. R. C. Shipman.

Credential cards must be presented in person duly signed by President and Secretary of club to the Credentials Committee, which will be in session at the Virginia Hotel Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning before the opening of the convention. Mrs. Fred Kuck, Chairman.

All resolutions must be presented in writing signed by the delegates of at least one Federated club. By vote of the Executive Board all resolutions except resolutions on courtesies and hospitality must be in the hands of committee by the close of the Wednesday morning session. All resolutions will be read before the convention and time stated for action. Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Chairman.

The annual dues of 5 cents per capita must be paid by all Federated clubs before the opening of the convention. Clubs failing to pay dues will not have representation in convention.

The Ebell Club will keep open house each afternoon at the close of the regular session, serving tea and providing a program in the clubhouse, one block west of headquarters. Short conferences will precede the hospitality.

Friday afternoon the Federation members will be guests of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce on a trip through the harbor. Those preferring sightseeing on land will be taken on auto trips.

The following departments will have exhibits at the convention: Art—Mrs. T. M. Walker, Chairman; Music—Music compositions by Federated club women, Carrie Stone Freeman, Chairman; Forestry—Mrs. Charles Robinson, Chairman; Reciprocity—Club year books, Adelaide B. Brewer, Chairman.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General Federation President, will visit the San Diego Exposition prior to the State Convention in San Francisco and will be the guest of that exceedingly live, energetic San Diego County Federation.

## STATE AND DISTRICT COMBINE SESSIONS

The Federation State Board and the Los Angeles District Board met in all-day session Thursday, January 29, at Christopher's, in Los Angeles—the boards holding separate sessions in the morning and meeting in joint session in the afternoon following the beautiful luncheon which was given for the State Board by the District Board.

The innovation of a joint session had most encouraging results for many questions of important status were decided in a most comprehensive and executive manner, and board members feel they should thank both the State President, Mrs. Lillian Palmer, and the District President, Mrs. Herbert Cable.

Interest centers about the revision of By-Laws and it was keenly regretted that Mrs. Hartwell, Chairman of Revision, did not have the opportunity to give a report at the State session, many other questions of less interest having absorbed the time. It is probable that at a future board meeting the By-Laws will be allowed the greater part of a session.

The Federation Board voted unanimously a request to the State University that 50 per cent of the money appropriated to California through the National Smith-Lever Bill providing funds for the improvement of farmers and their conditions be apportioned to farm women, the funds to be used for their education and information, through the Farm Centers.

Mrs. Olive Borrette, of Napa, one of the best-known women of the San Francisco District, gave greetings and informed the board that outside of the four large hotels of San Francisco that will charge excessive rates during the convention, there are 350 good, comfortable hotels which will house club delegates comfortably and at reasonable rates.

Mrs. Andrew Francisco, State Auditor, has been appointed Program Chairman, to be assisted by Mrs. Walter Longbotham, State Chairman of Music, and Mrs. George F. Reinhardt, State Chairman of Literature—a wisely

chosen committee. Mrs. May Wright Sewall, noted Peace advocate, will give a Peace Program, and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General President, will have one afternoon or evening session. The committee will develop the remainder of the program.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Cable welcomed the members of the State Board, and Mrs. Lloyd Harmon, the pretty and capable District Secretary, presented an exquisite French basket bouquet of pink carnations to the State President on behalf of the District. Mrs. Palmer, as a most surprised recipient, responded in the same poetic vein which characterized the presentation.

At the joint session State and District officers made interesting reports showing the wonderfully efficient system under which organized women can work.

Mrs. Harriet W. Myers, Commissioner of Birds, reported a new Non-Sale-of-Game Bill under preparation, better than the defeated bill.

Dr. Maude Wilde, District Chairman of Health, reported plans for 80 to 90 health addresses to be given this year.

A spirited discussion took place prior to the voting, which placed the joint boards on record as against capital punishment. A letter from the Women's Legislative Council stating that it would be necessary to assess each organization \$7 per delegate to cover expenses during the lobbying season at the Legislature, was tabled.

Among other speakers were Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, General Federation Chairman of Peace; Mrs. D. M. Cate, District Vice-President; Mrs. Seward A. Simons, Vice-President Women's Legislative Council; Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe, District Chairman of Legislation; Mrs. Florence Schonne-man, District Chairman of Emblems; Mrs. Mattison Jones, District Chairman of Political Science; Mrs. C. C. Arnold, State Chairman History and Landmarks; Mrs. C. H. Ritchie, District Chairman of Civics.



## PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL WEIGHS BY-LAWS

Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, President of the Los Angeles District, conducted a highly interesting Presidents' Council at Cumnock Hall Wednesday, January 28, in accordance with plans which have made her district work so strongly executive and inspiring.

The discussion of the revision of the election By-Law proved highly encouraging to those who have wished for a more democratic system for the election of officers. The plan for revision as prepared by Mrs. George Monroe, Mrs. Harry J. Slater and Miss Lloy Galpin, gives the largest measure of freedom in direct nomination and the preferential ballot system and defeats autocracy of the ballot box by placing the power of nomination in the province of the clubs.

Mrs. Slater is a keen logician and skillfully explained the features of the proposed revision, which will be submitted to a vote of the District convention in March. She was followed by several speakers, all in favor of the new plan.

Mrs. Cable gave a classic speech concerning the pettiness of "dress" in terms of the war suffering in Europe, where women are sacrificing warm clothing and blankets to the men in the trenches.

Mrs. Palmer, State President, gave a brief but vivid Federation message and outlined plans for the State Convention. Mrs. P. S. MacNee, President of the Long Beach Ebells, which will be hostess club to the convention, presented greetings and cordial invitation to the District to partake of their club's hospitality March 2-5. A "Good Fellowship" meeting has been planned instead of a reception. The club will keep "open house" during the convention.

Mrs. Henry DeNyse, State Recording Secretary, outlined briefly plans for Re-Districting the Federation, which will be voted on at the State Convention in May. Mrs. W. C. Mushet, District Chairman of Resolutions, announced that resolutions will be read

in convention one day and voted on the next.

Mrs. I. W. Gleason, District Parliamentarian, announced an interesting parliamentary contest in which all clubs are invited to participate. Mrs. Florence Schonneman made a clever plea for the club emblem, stating that 25 cents from the sale of each pin will be placed in the State Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Frederick K. Adams, President of the Averill Study club, which served tea and dispensed charming hospitality following the meeting, made a gracious and appealing little speech before the Council on the need of spirituality in club life.

A pretty feature of the day was the presentation of bouquets of the club flower, the pink carnation, to the State President, the District President and to the General Federation Chairman of Peace, Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles.

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The Alhambra Wednesday Afternoon club held a "Kensington Day" January 20, entertaining with a box luncheon. Invited as honor guests were Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, District President, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. D. M. Cate, Mrs. William Baurhyete and Mrs. Haines W. Reed, members of the California Federation State and District Board.

The hospitality extended by the club was exquisite, and the effort put forth for the entertainment of the guests was indicative of that greater effort shown by the club when they had their club house moved a mile to a new lot to save it from toppling into the arroyo during the big storm of last winter.

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The Civics Committee of the Hollywood Woman's club has undertaken the huge task of having vacant lots on the main boulevards of Hollywood planted to California poppies as an attractive feature of exposition year. This is a plan of beautification which could be furthered to advantage by many a club. Mrs. J. P. Gardner is the efficient chairman.

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Arts and Crafts club of San Diego is instructing 100 women in artistic handicraft, and will exhibit work in the Exposition.



**FEDERATION EMBLEM**  
**MRS. LORRAINE P. GUIBERSON**  
 State Chairman of Emblem

The Federation Emblem pin is one of the most beautiful in design and symbolism in forty-eight states—a pin that is pretty enough to be worn for its own sake, but has an added value in that it represents the California Federation of Women's Clubs. It serves as an introduction to California club women everywhere.

The wearer shows that she stands for civic and moral betterment, for social uplift, for better homes, a better community, a better state, a better nation, and with all humility we may say, a better world. To purchase one of these pins and wear it should be the pleasure of every loyal member of the Federation.

Not only do we show by the wearing of it that we stand for the best we know, but every pin sold will add to the State Endowment Fund. Like "Little drops of water, little grains of sand," the small profit the Federation receives from the sale of the pins will help along wonderfully the work of the Federation.

The California Federated Club Woman may now have her choice of two beautiful Emblem pins. The new pin is the same design as the old pin, made a little smaller and a little lighter by being pierced above and below the wings. The Emblem pin of sterling silver heavily plated with gold can be secured from District Chairmen for \$1.25, or one of solid gold for \$5.00, postage extra.

This department also has a little gum seal, designed especially for use on stationery. It is an exact duplicate in size and coloring of the new Emblem pin and is put out by this department to meet the demands of the individual club woman for something that will identify her as a club woman and with the Federation. Only State and District officers and chairmen are allowed to use the Federation stationery, but it is permissible for all Federated club women to use the gummed seals. This

seal is the handsomest in use today, and club women need not hesitate to use it on their finest stationery. The profit derived from the sale of the seals will go to the Caroline Severance Endowment Fund.

Fifty seals will be sold for twenty-five cents after February 25, postage extra.

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**W. L. C. SPEAKERS FOR SOUTH**

The Women's Legislative Council has appointed as the Speakers' committee, Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo, chairman; Mrs. Mary Roberts Coolidge of Berkeley, and Mrs. Seward A. Simons of South Pasadena. The duties of each member of this committee are to secure a list of speakers for her section of the state.

All clubs wishing speakers to bring information concerning the five bills endorsed by the Women's Council at Sacramento may apply to the committee member nearest their District. Speaker will expect clubs to pay their expenses.

Speakers for the southern part of the state will include Mrs. Simons, Dr. Louise Harvey Clarke of Riverside, Dr. Jessie Russell and Mrs. Mattison Jones of Glendale. Mrs. Hester Griffith, Mrs. I. W. Gleason, Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe, Dr. Maude Wilde, Mrs. W. H. Ellis of Los Angeles; others to be named later.

The Finance Committee of the Council reported that the minimum amount needed to carry on the work of the Council would be \$500 and it was decided to raise this amount pro rata among the delegates. As Council representatives, Mrs. Harbaugh has been appointed at \$60 per month and Miss Chase of Berkeley at \$100 a month.

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Investigation of the retail prices of food was carried on in Chicago by the various ward committees of club women. Precinct workers made detailed reports of food prices and these were passed along from the wards to headquarters. This investigation checked the advance in prices.

## President's Letter

Like the onward rush of a mighty river—swift, smooth, too strong for the fret and foam of a feeblar and more shallow stream—the current of California Federation sweeps on. Day by day its tide is rising as the new clubs come in, bringing with them, not alone that strength for which numbers stand, but that more vital thing, the SPIRIT of a COMMON CAUSE and PURPOSE which is as the Ark of our Covenant, and without its presence there can be no pillar of cloud by day nor pillar of flame by night to lead us.

As never before, perhaps, we are able to ignore the non-essential differences of opinion and to concentrate the strength of the club women of California in the effort to accomplish intelligently and well the evolutionary progress that the day and age impose as a responsibility upon us.

Indicative of the awakened conscience of California womanhood to this imminent responsibility of our time is the following list of endorsements passed at a joint meeting of the State and Los Angeles District executive boards held in Los Angeles January 28:

A resolution favoring the David Lubin National Marketing association plan, presented by the Outlook association (endorsed unanimously); a resolution favoring the abolition of capital punishment in California, presented by Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, President of the Los Angeles District (carried by majority vote); a resolution favoring increased mailing privileges for state prisoners, presented by Mrs. W. A. Galentine, State Chairman of Civil Service Reform (carried unanimously); a resolution endorsing the changing of "Arbor Day" to "Conservation Day" for observance in our public schools, presented by Mrs. E. G. Greene, State Chairman of Waters (majority vote); a resolution endorsing a bill to preserve the trees along the State Highway, presented by the Northern District through Mrs. Foster Elliot, State

Chairman of Forestry (unanimously endorsed); and a resolution endorsing a bill for the protection of fish and game, presented by Mrs. Harriet Williams Myers, Commissioner of Birds and Wild Life (unanimously endorsed).

These resolutions were thoroughly discussed and with a spirit of serious deliberation that placed every member above suspicion of prejudice. That endorsement was given is a matter of great personal gratification to your President.

In closing we desire to express a deep appreciation of the courtesies extended the State Board by the Los Angeles District Board during our recent visit.

Sincerely,

LILLIAN PRAY-PALMER.

### SOUTHERN PRESIDENT ILL

All Federated women of the south regret the illness of Mrs. A. J. Lawton, the popular and beloved President of The Southern District. Mrs. Lawton broke down under the stress of club work and has been forced to rest for many weeks, several of which were spent in bed.

She is recovering, and her many friends will be pleased at the thought that they may have her back with them soon. This remarkable woman has not missed a club meeting before in two years, either as District President or as President of the Santa Ana Valley Ebell.

Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, State Chairman of Industrial and Social Conditions, has compiled a most exhaustive questionnaire which she will send to club women on application, to serve as a basis on which to make a social and industrial survey of any town, city or locality. No live club can ignore the local conditions existing in its home city, and no club can further the general improvement of home and the lives of women and children without having made an exhaustive survey of the economic discrepancies of its own town. Write Mrs. Edson, 950 West Twentieth street, Los Angeles.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT CALL****Mrs. A. F. Jones, District President**

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Northern District will be held in Sacramento, March 23, 24 and 25. All meetings will be held in the Auditorium of the Tuesday Club House, and will be open to the public. All clubs are urgently requested to send full delegations.

Each club shall be entitled to representation by its president or her appointee, and one delegate or her alternate. Clubs having a membership of fifty or more shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof.

No delegate shall represent more than one club. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The secretary of each club shall send the names of the delegates and their alternates to the treasurer, Mrs. Emily Hoppin, Yolo, Cal., one week before the convention. The credential cards enclosed must be presented to the credential committee Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5.

Annual dues of five cents per capita must be paid by all Federated clubs before the opening of the convention. Clubs failing to pay dues will not have representation, and their delegates will not be seated. All resolutions must be typewritten and signed, and must be in the hands of the committee not later than the second day of the convention. —Mrs. H. J. Kilgariff, 2317 M Street, Sacramento, Cal.

Special rates of transportation over the Southern Pacific and Northern Electric are being arranged for on the certificate plan. Get certificates when purchasing ticket.

A joint council of Presidents and Delegates will be held Tuesday morning at 10:00. Topics of general interest will be presented for discussion. The convention will be opened promptly at 1:45 Tuesday afternoon. State officers and speakers of note will address the meeting on topics of the day. District chairmen will add to the program.

Club Presidents' reports will be limited to three minutes, to be given by the President or her representative.

The Local Board assisted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade, are making arrangements for the entertainment of convention guests. Tuesday evening a Reception and Musical will be given in honor of State and District Officers.

**PEACE CONFERENCE**

On June 24, 1914, the President of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition issued a commission to Mrs. May Wright Sewall authorizing her to organize an International Conference of Woman Workers to consider the best means of bringing the influence of women to bear on the public mind for the promotion of Permanent World Peace. Local conditions and Mrs. Sewall's absence in Europe delayed the inauguration of the work and the precipitation of the Great War demanded a reconsideration of the grounds upon which the decision to hold such a conference had been made. It being now agreed that the continuous tragedy in Europe far from furnishing a cause for abandoning this project provides an added argument and an intensified motive for its most energetic prosecution, Mrs. Sewall has been reauthorized to do this work and to invite women to serve on the Committee of Organization and on the Home and Foreign Advisory Boards, through which it is hoped that publicity and support will be given to this Conference.

It is hoped that many will shape their plans to visit the San Francisco Exposition at the time fixed for this Conference, July 4, 5, 6.

Dr. Edward Krehbiel of Stanford University, widely known Peace advocate, requests clubs to observe the Centennial of the Treaty of Ghent with special peace meetings and programs. He asks that clubs observe the day February 17, which is the anniversary date, and that churches take cognizance of the event Sunday, February 14.



## PEACE CONFERENCE

**Mrs. Frank Stephens**  
**District Chairman of Peace**

The Departmental Conference of the Los Angeles District Board are an innovation devised to bring the work of the departments into closer and more frequent touch with the various clubs of the district. They are held monthly by allied groups of department chairmen whose work is, in some respects, correlated.

The Conference on Peace, Political Science and Federation Emblem was held at the Friday Morning Club house Thursday afternoon, January 7, the Chairman of Peace presiding.

Speaking of "Our Federation Emblem," Mrs. Herbert Cable told briefly of the feeling of solidarity which the wearing of an emblem gives to any cause. Mrs. Florence Schonneman, of San Pedro, the newly appointed chairman of Emblems, urged the enthusiastic support of the women, spoke of the pleasure of meeting and being able thus to recognize our fellow-workers from afar, and told of the new seals, bearing the imprint of the emblem just out and on sale at a nominal price for use on stationery.

Mrs. Mattison B. Jones, of Glendale, District Chairman of Political Science, cleverly introduced Dr. John R. Haynes as a wise physician whom she had called to prescribe the proper dose for the Federated students of Political Science, that they might avoid mental indigestion in their study of this far-reaching subject.

Dr. Haynes pointed out that the fundamental difference between the ideals of men and women had been that those of men had been ideals of prowess, while those of women had been ideals of service. That while the right ideal of government was that it should serve humanity, the predominance of the masculine idea of prowess in the past had wrought tyranny, oppression and injustice to the many for the aggrandizement of the few.

Mr. Lorin A. Handley, one of the best known peace advocates of South-

ern California, made the startling statement that what the Peace advocates wanted was not peace, but war. A war that would take courage, skill and endurance, that called for the highest type of patriotism and devotion, war against the real enemies of our country, against those who, for selfish profit or vain glory, stir up strife; war against graft and greed, against exploiters of the weak, and against those who insult our flag by claiming its protection while they rob and cheat the unsophisticated foreigners.

Mrs. Josiah Cowles, General Federation Chairman of Peace, took charge of the closing discussion.

## TREES INTEREST BEAUMONT WOMEN

**By Frances R. Smith, Press Chairman**

Prof. W. T. Hill of Los Angeles, who has made a study of geological conditions in the vicinity of the San Geronio Pass for the Smithsonian Institute spoke before the Beaumont Woman's club January 26, speaking of the physical features of the Pass. A large delegation from the Saturday Afternoon club of Banning, also the pupils from the high school, were present on special invitation.

The committee of club women formed at Riverside to advance the cause of the planting along the county highways reported that the matter could best be handled through the supervisors who have a right to appoint a forestry board with full power to act. The supervisors were favorable to taking such action but desired expressions from the various clubs. A motion was passed indorsing action on the part of the supervisors.

The Saturday Afternoon club of Banning reported similar action having been taken in their club.

At the initiative of the Beaumont Woman's club a meeting was held January 29 for the purpose of organizing an association for the beautification of landscape improvement of Beaumont. Delegates from all organizations were asked to be present.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

By Mrs. Emily Hoppin

Vice-President At-Large, C. F. W. C.

The Women's Legislative Council of California is composed of eight state organizations including the California Federation and sixteen single organizations. Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, State Chairman of Legislation, is proving a most efficient president.

Twenty bills were submitted to the Council through the executive board and after careful consideration by the board, and in meetings of the Council itself, five were finally endorsed. The final meeting of the Council at Sacramento was attended by 40 delegates, and proxies brought the representation to 104.

Five community property bills had been presented at different times and one with two auxiliary bills was approved, but lacked four votes of endorsement. This was not because the women did not realize the importance of the revision of the state community laws, but one of the clauses of the proposed bill contained radical changes which were not approved by a majority.

The bills endorsed were Birth Registration, Compulsory Education, Home Teachers, Child Labor and Women as Jurors. The last named makes it permissible for women to serve on all juries, and makes it compulsory that they be allowed to serve in all cases involving women and children.

The results of balloting on the bills were as follows:

	Yes	No
Child Labor .....	87	17
Birth Registration .....	100	1
Home Teachers .....	75	29
Compulsory Education ....	64	40
Jury Bill .....	102	1
Community Property .....	61	40

Mrs. Harbaugh will be at headquarters at Hotel Sacramento during the legislative session. She has appointed the following committee: Finance, Miss George, Mrs. Edson; Representation at Headquarters, Mrs. Emily Hoppin, State Federation; Mrs. Rowell,

Congress of Mothers; Mrs. Adams, Woman's Council of Sacramento; Mrs. Dow, State W. C. T. U.; Credentials, Mrs. Schneider, President of the Federation of Mothers' Clubs, Sacramento.

The Van Nuys Woman's club recently held a beautiful Reciprocity Luncheon at which were present Mrs. Herbert A. Cable and Mrs. D. M. Cate, District President and vice-president. Mrs. Cate says: "The program opened with a witty address by the president, Mrs. Houghton. The effort of the Van Nuys club to be nice to the invited un-federated clubs was most gratifying to me. If every club would do as much, no club would remain out of federation."

A most comprehensive leaflet on "Waters—Their Conservation and Utilization," with outlines, notes for study and bibliography, has been prepared by Mrs. E. G. Greene, State Chairman of Waters. Mrs. Greene probably has a greater fund of statistical knowledge concerning water conditions than any other woman in the state. Clubs will find it to their interest to write her for this pamphlet—17 Salvatierra St., Palo Alto, Cal.

The Southern California Woman's Press club held its maiden Reciprocity Day January 19 in Trinity Auditorium, with more than 150 club presidents and delegates of Los Angeles County present. Mrs. Lavinia Graham, who is proving a most lovable and popular president, presided and introduced Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, President of the District, who always has an interesting and helpful Federation message for all clubs; Mrs. Lillian Burkhardt Goldsmith, the well known dramatic interpreter; Miss Frieda Peycke, composer-pianologist, talented member of the Press club, and Mrs. Haines W. Reed, State Chairman of Press. Tea was served in the club rooms and the spirit of Reciprocity was especially noticeable.

Some localities have recently been successful in establishing community houses; in reality this name means a rest room for the rural woman, and a market place for her town sister. The matron in charge has on hand orders for butter, chickens and other country produce. She has, also, certain women who are only too glad to make a little money by caring for children by the hour. When the country woman arrives she finds ready sale for her produce, a comfortable room where she may meet her friends, and an opportunity to have her children looked after, and yet, with it all, she has the sweet consciousness of being absolutely independent. The town women make an effort to come in person for their produce in order that the personal touch may be established.

**SANTA ANA EBELL ECONOMICS****By Gertrude Montgomery**

Household Economic sections have proved vastly popular among Santa Ana Ebell members and each year finds the interest more pronounced. At present there are six sections in Household Economics, among which the Second section, composed of young maids and matrons, takes a prominent part.

The program of this section for the club year 1914-15, a study of the cuisine and customs of foreign lands, has developed the individuality and versatility of the members as entertainers.

Mesdames Deimling, Rowland and Strock were the "cooks" who personally conducted the women on a trip through Spain, Mrs. Strock's new bungalow being gayly decorated for the occasion with yellow and red festoons, Spanish embroideries and red hanging baskets filled with yellow cosmos and ferns. Each guest was presented with bright pompons to adorn her hair.

Roll call elicited Spanish proverbs with their English equivalents after which Mrs. Peck rendered two charming piano solos by Spanish composers.

Miss Taney described entertainingly her varied experiences during her recent seven weeks' residence in Lerida, Spain, the unpalatable food served at the hotel, the relative prices of fruits and vegetables, as compared to those of America, and the insanitary drinking water.

Quaint customs among the upper class Spaniards formed the topic which Mrs. Deimling handled most delightfully, dwelling particularly upon their dances, both religious and social receptions, with accompanying refreshments and strict etiquette governing intercourse between young people.

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When a chairman comes into office she finds no record whatever of the work that her predecessors have done. This greatly hampers her efforts. The General Federation has requested each of the present chairmen to keep in an official volume a record of all work accomplished during her administration. This book should contain all printed matter issued by the department, to whom this printed matter was sent, the number and nature of addresses delivered and any other helpful information. At the New York Biennial this volume is to be sent to the Bureau of Information, and from there forwarded to the new chairman. It would be wise for state chairmen to adopt the same plan. Chairmen of departments should leave just as complete records as the secretaries and treasurers.

Since December 3 the following clubs have been admitted to Federation: Northern District—Red Bluff Woman's Improvement club, Tehama county; San Francisco District—Carlotta Woman's club; San Anselmo Woman's Improvement club, Marin county; Alameda District—Martinez Woman's club, Contra Costa county; Tuolumne Town Improvement club; San Joaquin District—Denair Woman's Improvement club, Stanislaus county; Lindsay Tuesday club, Tulare county; Los Angeles District—Venice Woman's club.



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## CLUB HONORS MRS. KING

What is probably one of the most unique and fascinating programs ever given by a club was the offering of the Woman's Club of San Mateo, November 20, in honor of Mrs. Percy S. King, newly re-elected San Francisco District President, and her officers.

The event was the presentation of an allegory entitled "Planetary Co-operation," written by Mrs. Mayzellia McCarthy, for the occasion—a splendid lesson on club harmony and reciprocity through its vivid comparison with the uniformity of motion and obedience to the universal law that exists in the spaces.

Mrs. King as the "Sun" held sway over her coterie of eight Planets, four Seasons, the Moon and Guiding Stars. Spectacular effect was lent to the affair by the personification of "Dawn," "Day," "Rainbow," and "Night." Members of the San Mateo Women's Club represented the planets from Mercury to Neptune; the seasons were portrayed by the presidents of the Thursday, Burlingame, Redwood City and San Mateo clubs.

In response to "Rays of Knowledge," Mrs. Percy King was heard in one of the most interesting speeches of the afternoon. Her handling of the subject of solar radiation and the ingenious method in which she fitted it to suit the event showed keen originality and an energy of attraction that was suggestive of so powerful an orb as the sun.

Clubs of Illinois have dedicated the cottage for homeless girls at the Park Ridge School for Girls, for which they raised \$10,000. This fund has been raised in charge of Mrs. Frederick K. Tracy, the most efficient detail chairman in the state.

To help the children who come to the attention of the Dallas (Texas) Juvenile Court, a committee of club women has equipped a "social room" with sixteen desks, blackboards and other school equipment. A graduate kindergarten teacher will instruct the children on practical subjects.



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## SAN FRANCISCO

### Mrs. Percy S. King, District President

I find clubs much encouraged by our convention at Pacific Grove and pleased with the prospect of entertaining the State convention and our General Federation President next May.

The Los Amegas club of Caneros with Mrs. Morton Duhig, president, and 19 members, has the proud distinction of owning, on the second anniversary of organization, its own club house, and is a member both of the State and District Federation. The Woman's Civic club of Calistoga entertained in honor of their retiring president, Mrs. W. R. Gray, who was succeeded by Mrs. H. Clement. With the help of Miss Janet Maclay, District Secretary, Mrs. P. F. Powers, State Chairman of Philanthropy, we presented a Federation program and the club has voted to join the Federation.

Before the holidays I was the guest of the Woman's Improvement club of Dixon, Solano county, which has Mrs. George Unnewehr as the energetic president. The club's first president, Mrs. G. Curry, is doing splendid work for the Woman's Panama-Pacific Auxiliary board.

Mrs. Raymond Hollingsworth, District Chairman of Social and Industrial Conditions, is president of the Channing Auxiliary of San Francisco, and I was a most happy guest at their Christmas breakfast. Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry was toastmistress and I never enjoyed a program where the scintillation of wit, the reverence of religion and fine fellowship was so perfectly presented.

It was a pleasure to meet with the St. Helena Woman's Improvement club, Mrs. F. L. Alexander, president, and speak to them of Exposition Duties. The Napa Study club recognized as the club which does "all work and no play," but is never dull, broke their austere rules and gave a banquet and musical program to which husbands

were invited. Mrs. Charles Trower, president, is most popular.

The Women's Improvement club of Sonoma is an industrious body of women planning for a club house. They have purchased their lot, have started a building fund and their future seems bright. I spent some time in the home of the president, Mrs. Carrie Burlingame, whose father is a direct descendant of John Greenleaf, first sheriff of Boston.

In the drawing room hangs a picture taken in 1680 of "The Old House," famous in the Boston Tea Party, framed in wood from the historic building. I was served with tea from a silver tea set made by Paul Rever and father, silversmiths of Boston.

Clubwomen of the State, we of San Francisco District are expecting you in large numbers for the State convention and extend you a cordial invitation.

## SAN FRANCISCO NOTES

Several hundred citizens and representatives of commercial and civic organizations and high school students attended a "City Beautiful" meeting recently in Salinas, called by Mrs. J. H. Andresen, chairman of Civics of the San Francisco District for the purpose of awakening interest in the movement to beautify the city.

The Wanderers club of Salinas, Mrs. J. H. Andresen, president, recently entertained with a program "Picturesque California." An interesting lecture by Mrs. Richmond Wheeler was one feature of a particularly pleasant evening.

## NORTHERN

By Miss Jennie A. McConnell,  
Press Chairman

The Executive board of the Northern District held its regular monthly meeting at Hotel Sacramento January 2. Mrs. A. F. Jones, president, told of a community Christmas tree observance held in her city of Oroville, which proved an important factor in promoting holiday good fellowship.

Mrs. G. E. Chappell, chairman of Philanthropy, told of the annual Donation Day held in Grass Valley. Mrs. George W. Hamilton gave a report of work done by the philanthropy committee of the Auburn Improvement club for 19 families. Mrs. H. A. Kluegel of Oroville, chairman of Civil Service Reform, urged the necessity of every county having a detention home. Mr. John F. Neylan of the State Board of Control spoke interestingly on the same subject.

A delegation of women from the Civic Section of the Placerville Shakespeare club—Mesdames Perry Tracy, O. P. Fitch, A. Darlington and L. J. Dormody—came to plead for the preservation of the trees along the Lincoln Highway between Placerville and Lake Tahoe, and brought two bills which they hope may come before this session of the Legislaturé.

State Forester George M. Homans

spoke in favor of the bills, one of which would amend the act of Eminent Domain for the protection of trees along highways, and the second which would provide that the State Department of Engineering may bring condemnation proceedings and force the sale of a strip of land 300 feet wide on each side of any highway in the state.

Senator Birdsall of Auburn and Assemblyman Kerr of Amador county were present and favored the legislation. Too much cannot be said of the fine work of the Placerville women who are working so hard to protect the wonderful trees. Reports of work were given by Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, State chairman of Club Extension, Mrs. George W. McCoy, District Chairman, and Miss Retta Parrott, District Chairman Library and Information.

Committees are being appointed for the District Convention in Sacramento March 23-25.

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**LOS ANGELES**  
**By Ella Hamilton Durley,**  
**Press Chairman**

Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, president of the Los Angeles District, has announced the following Committee on Nominations for the District convention which opens at Long Beach March 3, 9:30 a. m. In order that the report of the Nominating committee may be in accordance with the popular wish, each club in the District will be requested to fill out a ballot expressive of the choice of its members for the instruction of the committee. The members of the committee are Mrs. H. J. Slater, chairman; Mrs. Guy Hardison, Mrs. Wm. Bullis, Mrs. L. C. Hall, Mrs. Belle Franklin.

Other convention committees are: Resolutions, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, chairman; Mrs. E. H. Lockwood, Mrs. Orlean Poland, Mrs. Charles H. Spence, Mrs. E. C. Bello's. Credentials, Mrs. Fred Kuck, chairman; Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. C. M. Kite, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. Maud T. Thompson. Badge, Miss Daphne Isgrigg.

The Los Angeles District Board, at its January meeting, appropriated \$50 to aid Dr. Maud Wilde in test work in birth registration preparatory for the Model Law.

**SOUTHERN**

**Mrs. Helene M. Deimling, Press Chairman**

A splendid new club has been formed in Orange to be known as the Orange Woman's club. With their desired list of one hundred members completed, 75 local women met recently and formed what promises to be one of the live clubs of the Southern District.

Mrs. I. L. Collins, Mrs. M. A. Kiefhaber, Mrs. I. D. Mills, Mrs. J. S. Collings, Mrs. William Bathgate, Mrs. C. E. Teach and Mrs. Stephen McPherson were appointed as a committee on constitution and by-laws.

Although the membership has reached 100 the club charter has been

left open and names put up by members will be considered as charter members.

The East Newport Ebell club recently held a "Planting Day" on the lot where the club expects to build a library in the near future. Flowers and trees were planted to beautify the grounds.

For the civic part of the program vines and flowers were planted around the Pacific Electric station at East Newport and trees around the fire station at Balboa.

**EDUCATION FOR WAGE**

(Continued From Page 9)

It has been proved by experience that vocational education requires instruction over and above the trades and their technical connections. Specific trade art, industrial academic work, the problems of labor, social betterment and ideals of citizenship are subjects which are used to accompany the trade training. Added to these are instruction in hygiene and practice in the gaining and maintenance of good health.

In schools for girls the household arts subjects are frequently included in the curriculum, but the tendency is to give them in a more business-like and practical way. Many of the new wage-earning positions for women are growing out of this more serious attitude toward household art instruction, of which conducting lunch or tea rooms, catering, buying, nursing, costume designing, repairing in factories or hotels and house planning and decorating are illustrations.

For those, however, who must become wage earners early, but whose parents are willing to sacrifice themselves in order to give their children a special trade education, the All Day Trade or Vocational School is being organized. Another kind of school is needed for the great mass of children forced to work the moment they are



legally allowed to leave school. The Day Continuation Classes, compulsory or voluntary, can help this group.

There is a growing tendency in the skilled trades and department stores to offer the younger workers part-time instruction in the factory or store itself. Older workers, too, have night classes offered to help them. These workers furnish both the strength and weakness of industry, and the class of instruction offered to them is becoming more vital to their needs than was that in the night classes of the older type. A series of short unit courses, each of which is designed to meet a specific need of the class, is better than prolonging the work through many months and having the lessons a week apart.

A reorganization plan for the General Federation of Women's clubs has been sent to State Presidents for consideration and criticism. The plan will be adopted, rejected or amended at the next Biennial in 1916. The plan is to form a Cabinet with a House of Federation and a House of Clubs as the governing body; the president to serve four years, elected at joint session and no president to be returned; Federation dues, 5 cents per capita.

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### CLUB HONORS MOTHERS

The Woman's Improvement Club of Roseville dedicated Friday, January 15, as "Mothers' Memorial Day," honoring the late Mme. Caroline Severance, the "Mother of Clubs," also the mothers and grandmothers of club members.

Mrs. George W. McCoy of Sacramento, who has mothered the club since its infancy, and who is a beloved honorary member, paid a beautiful tribute to the life of Mme. Severance in the service of women's clubs. Mrs. Frank Cosgrove recited Joaquin Miller's "The Bravest Battle;" Mr. Fred C. Moore sang "Mother McCree" and "Mother O' Mine," and Mrs. W. H. Masters recited Riley's "That Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Mrs. B. F. Walton of Sacramento explained the State Endowment Fund and how the names of mothers may be placed on the honor roll of the fund for any sum. Refreshments were served by a committee under the direction of Mrs. Lolise and Mrs. Lackey. The inspiration for the program originated with the president. Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, who was happily surrounded by four generations of her family. Her mother, Mrs. Amanda Hall-Bradford, an old and enthusiastic club member of the San Joaquin Valley Federation, headed the honor roll for the club with the name of her mother, Nancy Jordan Hall. Mrs. Bradford's name was then placed on the roll by her children, a granddaughter and great granddaughter.

The following mothers' names were added: Annie L. King, by Lelia Keehner; Elizabeth Kerr, by Mrs. A. B. McRae; Fannie Kanahle, by Mrs. E. J. Schellhouse; Margaret True, by Iris Lackey; Juliette Niles Hoagland, by Carrie Brown; Annie Alice Ingram, by Alyce M. L. Jones; Kathryn Merwig Schnabel, by Mrs. J. H. Stineman; Catherine Ann Cresswell Gray, by Mrs. Joseph Rehnhofer.

### WOMAN'S SUPREME TASK

**Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones**

(Continued from Last Month)

Women are becoming more and more the purse holders of civilization. One who stands high in the confidence and activities here represented, has given to the modern woman the proud and distinctive designation of "member of the money spending gender." She meant it and I take it as a compliment and not a reproach. Fathers may for a while proudly claim the right of "making" the money that supports wife and children, but it goes without the saying that in proportion as he is successful in his money-making calling, which he would clothe with divine attributes, in that proportion does woman become the "money-spender." High as is the art of money-making, the art of wise disbursement is much higher. Hard as it may be to make a penny it is harder to save a penny.

Beyond the awful burden of the heart, the anguish of mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts, the hopelessness that comes from the ghastly scenes of the battle-field, the wreckage of the hospital, lies this wicked waste of human energies, this impoverishment of the home, the military handicap of all the armored nations.

Even in the United States all the causes of reform and progress, splendidly championed by the organizations here represented, languish in our legislative and congressional halls, because of treasuries impoverished by the construction of the devil-ships of war which are out grown as soon as constructed, and become material for the junk heap in the short space of eight years, which is the efficient life of these abominable applications of misapplied science.

Perhaps a modern up-to-date Dreadnaught represents an assemblage of the latest achievements of all the mechanical sciences and applied arts, all for the sake of wars that never come, for the sake of taking the lives of those who have never offended, and the protecting of lives that are withdrawn

from all the creative, humanizing, home-making activities of the world.

O! you poor women struggling, stumbling home-makers, how burdensome is this back-breaking load, not of war which for a hundred years has never come to our doors except through our own seeking; but of the fear of war based on a pessimistic distrust of human nature, a lack of Faith in the Almightyness of the God of Reason and Love.

A French cartoonist of a hundred years ago pictured a peasant of France standing between the horns of the plow that was turning the furrow that would sustain wife and children and bearing on his shoulders the unconscious burden of a dainty Marquis, toying with his snuff-box. Another French cartoonist a hundred years later, portrayed the same peasant, turning the same furrow and for the same purpose, but carrying unconsciously upon his shoulders, a fully armed soldier, with buttons, gold lace and epaulettes; and astride his shoulders is a modern banker, the money-lender, representing the awful burden of debt, private and national, which bears down upon the sweat-begrimed peasant.

But even this picture is not brought down to date, for the great burden-bearer, the real shoulders that carry the weight of the military man and his interest-bearing war debt, are not those of a man at all but those of a woman. All women in their higher vocations of home-making are bedraggled burden bearers, heroically trying to fulfill their heavenly commission with the penurious appropriations of bumptious guardians of "national honor."

These put a conventional indignity to a flag, a failure to explode a few blank cartridges in technical obedience to the same, as a greater affront to patriotism and a greater indignity to "national honor" than the wan faces of under-fed little children and the hag-

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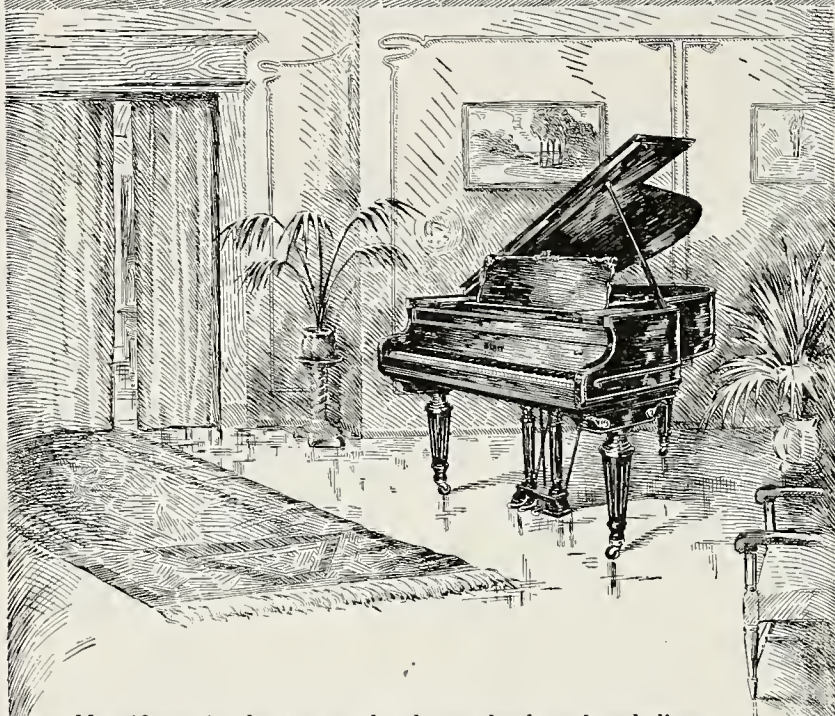
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The Kennebec Cafeteria, 137 West Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, is making special preparations to furnish good meals to the club women at the Los Angeles District Convention.

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Mrs. John S. Flannery, president of the Marketing Club of Pittsburg, is urging the congressman from that district to push the bill now before congress providing that no foodstuffs may be held in storage more than three months.

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Mrs. Elmer Blair of New York, long identified with the club health movement and now a member of the Public Health Council of the New York State Department of Health, by appointment of the Governor, is the new General Federation Chairman of Health.

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The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, limited to 650 members, with a long waiting list, was organized for "public service" chiefly. In addition to owning its beautiful club house it is just completing a "little theater," connecting with the club house, the theater to serve as an assembly hall as well as for dramatic purposes.

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Historical slides of American Art, property of the General Federation Traveling Exhibit, will be available for rental by clubs by the middle of March. Clubs wishing information may apply to Mrs. Howard T. Willson, chairman, Virden, Illinois.

### THE HARMONIZER

By Ruby Archer Doud

Where women met, at olden teas,  
And there were gossip, hot dissent,  
And flush of pain and malcontent,  
Dear Marjory could always ease  
The pressure of vortexual will  
To wider ways, serene and still,  
With gracious tact—the sweetest yet—  
Where women met.

Now greater issues cause turmoil,  
Or mightier programs run awry,  
Where parliamentary waves run high,  
Dear Marjory's busy pouring oil.  
She shows the oneness of the end,  
She is the sweetest of the sweet,  
She smiles, and lo! the factions blend.  
Where women meet.

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A public welfare board, composed entirely of women, has been appointed by the mayor of San Diego, Cal. Of course most of them are club women, but the 'settlements and visiting nurses' clubs are also represented on the board. The work of the commission will be along the lines of city housekeeping.

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Hastings, Nebraska, club women have established a home for old people and named it "Sunnyside," which has been placed on a self-supporting basis. They have succeeded in interesting business men and the board of county supervisors.

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One of the most advanced laws passed by the last Missouri Legislature was the abolishing all tuition fees for persons more than twenty years of age and enables school boards to help educate adults ambitious to learn.

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The California Inland Waterways Congress will convene at the Exposition Auditorium March 25, 26 and 27, and may be the most important convention of its kind that has ever assembled on the Pacific Coast. The President of the United States, members of his Cabinet, and others of national and state renown will undoubtedly participate.

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Miss Agnes L. Peterson, superintendent of the Bureau of Women and Children, Department of Labor and Industries, St. Paul, makes the recommendation that each State Federation take the initiative and see to it that for every 25,000 women employed in the industries of their respective State at least one woman inspector be provided.





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## Editorial

This issue of The Clubwoman is devoted to two conventions—The Alameda and the San Joaquin. Copy for this issue was forwarded by Mrs. Richard G. Boone, special Convention Press Chairman for Alameda, whose report is most commendatory; and by Mrs. Leslie A. Ferris, our San Joaquin District Press Chairman, who has sent the most complete convention report that San Joaquin District has ever had.

Mrs. Ferris is an experienced newspaper woman and clubwoman and sent her material in the compact, complete

form which is second nature to the trained press woman. We congratulate her on her efficiency and her inestimable aid in the absence of the State Press Chairman. We congratulate Alameda on the selection of Mrs. Boone, who has given us such a fine convention report.

Watch next month for the report of the Los Angeles District Convention held in Long Beach, March 2-5—the best convention that District has ever had.

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### NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS

Officers elected for the San Joaquin District are: President, Mrs. A. B. Armstrong, Fowler; First Vice-President, Mrs. Lorraine P. Guiberson, Taft; Second Vice-President, Mrs. George L. Hobbs, Dinuba; Third Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Leonard, Dos Palos; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Leslie Ferris, Modesto; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John Arthur, Selma; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards, Fresno; Treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Byron, Riverdale; Auditor, Mrs. Edwin Ross, Parlier.

In electing four vice-presidents, the convention followed the practical suggestion of the president-elect, Mrs. Armstrong. The San Joaquin District extends from Modesto to Bakersfield, and it is impossible for the president to visit the clubs of the district as often as they desire or need. The vice-presidents have been chosen from the ex-

tremes of the district and will stand ready to visit the clubs of their districts whenever wanted. By such frequent visits the Federation will be kept alive and interesting, and it is likely that many clubs will wish to federate.

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### NEW ALAMEDA OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of Alameda District are: Mrs. Fisher R. Clarke, of Stockton, District President; Mrs. Lucian Langworthy, Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Rosenthal, Recording Secretary; Mrs. George Finkenbohner, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. L. G. Leonard, Treasurer; Mesdames John Montgomery and Claude Leech, Auditors; Mrs. W. E. Colby, State Chairman Nominating Committee; Mrs. C. M. Allen, Chairman of Resolutions Committee; and Mrs. L. Hadley, Chairman Committee on Credentials.

## IDEALS OF SAN JOAQUIN CONVENTION

**Mrs. Leslie A. Ferris, Press Chairman**

"He most lives  
Who thinks most, feels the noblest,  
Acts the best."

The clubwoman who lives not for her club, but for the service that she may render of her own power or through the club—perhaps that was the ideal carried home by San Joaquin Valley women from the eighteenth annual District Convention held at Selma, February 11-13.

More than ever before, this, the oldest district, portrayed the fine strength of its members, women who stand foursquare to the needs of their homes first, and then to the needs of their communities and the State, of which they are proud to be citizens. Every report, written or oral, breathed a spirit of responsibility, of desire that every moment of human endeavor may make life its fullest and richest because of having realized true co-operation and united service for all forms of domestic and public welfare.

The opening session of the convention was marked by a double regret, the absence of the District President, Mrs. Harry A. Bates, who was confined to her home at Modesto by quarantine for scarlet fever; and the absence of Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, the State President, whom many of the delegates had anticipated meeting for the first time. Mrs. Palmer was detained because of impaired railway service caused by the storm.

In the absence of Mrs. Bates, the First Vice-President, Mrs. H. G. Drew, of one of the hostess clubs, assumed active direction of the convention, very shortly before the opening date, and on

her devolved all details of preparation, as well as those of presiding officer of the sessions. She rose to the occasion with the grace and strength of a thorough gentlewoman and clubwoman and proved her adaptability and perfect good nature. Mrs. Drew was most ably seconded by Mrs. S. L. Wiley, a past president and a general favorite of the district. A resolution of thanks was voted Mrs. Wiley at the close of the convention in appreciation of her services.

A remarkable feature of reports from various clubs was the work that is being accomplished by the small clubs and rural clubs. A number have devoted themselves entirely to civic improvements. In addition to this a surprising number of country clubs have recently come to own their club homes.

Of 39 clubs of the Federation, representatives of 31 were present. Nearly 100 delegates and a large number of visitors were present at each session. Two State Chairmen, Mrs. William Borchers, Necrology, and Mrs. Frank Guiberson, Federation Emblem, were present. It was a commonly expressed regret that it was impossible for others to come, since so much of inspiration may be gained from their messages.

It was a joy to be there, and to carry back to the clubs a word of hope for greater achievements during 1915. It was a joy, too, to be a clubwoman of the San Joaquin Valley, and to be an active member of its corps of workers for continued prosperity and happiness, and increased usefulness to humankind during the ensuing year.

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The Orosi Improvement Club, organized one year, has 117 members, has secured a replatting of the townsite, and has induced property owners to plant trees uniformly throughout the town and vicinity.

The Sanger Improvement Club was given a banquet by the Sanger Chamber of Commerce in January. The object of the Chamber was to encourage the women in their work of civic improvement.



## GLEANINGS FROM DISTRICT REPORTS

GIVEN BY SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

### Dr. Mary Butin, Public Health

Every club in the district should have a department of health. In the Health Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition there will be held a most wonderful demonstration on the care of health, including the most approved methods in Child Welfare Work. The Eugenic Exhibit is worth visiting.

### Mrs. George L. Warlow, Home Economics

It is my pleasure to report a second year of great interest throughout the district in Home Economics. Practically every club has done active work and many have devoted several days to programs. All clubs should realize that Home Economics includes more than cooking.

### Miss Jennie Dore, Necrology

The San Joaquin district has lost by death eight members during the last year: Mrs. Robert B. Hoag, Hanford; Mrs. Emma Potter, Lemoore; Mrs. F. M. Lane, Fresno; Mrs. Harriet Nye Davis, Fowler; Mrs. Frank Rice, Mrs. J. W. Webb, and Mrs. Chloe Ann Zander, Modesto; Mrs. C. A. Barlow.

I recommend to the State Chairman for the Honorary list the following names: Mrs. J. W. Webb, life member of the Modesto Improvement Club, and Mrs. Zander of the same club, who was one of its most helpful members, and Mrs. F. M. Lane, at one time president of the Leisure Hour Club of Fresno.

### Mrs. S. L. Platt, University Club House Loan

The object of this department is the betterment of housing conditions for our students at the University of California. Eight clubs of the district have made contributions during the year, but the total is far below what we need.

### Mrs. A. S. Taylor, Education

This department has sent to each club in the district suggestive outlines for programs on recreation, vocational education, health, hygiene and social service. Club women may help to bring about educational evolution by using their influence and means to make supervision general.

### Miss Corda Stone, Peace

Peace programs have been given in the majority of clubs in the district. Much has been accomplished in the courses of reading on Peace, which several clubs have pursued.

### Mrs. Leslie Ferris, Press

If you are an up-to-date citizen you read your daily newspaper to be properly informed of the variety of activities of interest to the world at large. If you are an up-to-date, enthusiastic club woman you must read your official magazine, which contains the official news of California Federation, THE CLUBWOMAN.

### Mrs. George Weishar, Music

Let us have in all localities an appreciation of local musicians. There would be little music if it were left all to the stars. Clubs should study California composers. Why can we not have a Federation song to be sung by a Federation chorus at every meeting of the district? It would promote loyalty and enthusiasm.

### "BABY CLUB" REVIVES

Less than a year ago a few members of the Wolters Colony Club, near Fresno, met to see what could be done to revive the club, which lay near to death's door. Finding eighty-five cents in the treasury, and no constitution and by-laws, the club reorganized, appointed a committee to draft a constitution, started a building fund with the pennies in hand, and decided then and there to build a Community House.

The House, well named and well planned to fill its place in the rural district, was dedicated in January. The site cost the club nothing, for it was a corner of a large school ground. The building was erected at a cost of \$600, raised by popular subscriptions and entertainments. The Community House will be used as a civic and social center for all gatherings of general interest to the colony as well as for club meetings.

The Wolters Colony Club is the "Baby Club" of the San Joaquin Federation.

The Parlor Lecture Club of Fresno, the largest in the district, has interested itself in providing work for the unemployed.

**WOMEN IN POLITICS****Mrs. S. L. Wiley, Past President**

It is a great task for the Federated clubs—this attempt to understand the mysteries of politics. Education is the quickest and surest solution of the problem of political issues. The women of an enfranchised State should stand squarely before the issues that concern the people. To declare yourself neutral in politics is to confess a lack of education. The educated woman must know what her State stands for, and what is the trend of events.

Life is not all made up of intelligence, for into life enters will and conscience, the ability to know right from wrong and the power to resist wrong. Every club has its function in developing our great State society, and we cannot throw the responsibility on a few. The moral growth and the moral power of a club is certainly not inferior to other societies. Every club is a working force and out of some have come spiritual forces.

We have dealt too long in futures and not enough in the now. But the tide has turned, and new political conditions provide women with a wonderful opportunity for public service. The new work of becoming a good citizen is very fascinating and necessary, and clubs must give education in this direction, for the mothering spirit is as necessary as the fathering spirit in up-building of the State as well as the home.

The ideal woman in poetry and fiction is represented in her own home, spreading a bright influence as mother. It is an ideal which does not include the whole of woman's life, because true ideals are always expanding. Woman is a human being as well as a woman, and must have duties as a human outside her home circle.

We cannot shut out from view the fact that, within the knowledge of all, public health and public morals and public safety are of paramount interest to all clubs, or that our clubs are

to be considered as moral persons, having a public will capable and free to do right and wrong, and are governed by the same binding laws of right thinking as those which control the individual in private life.

We cannot halt; we must go forward to our land of promise, or leave our bones to bleach in the wilderness of lost opportunity.

**IMPERIAL HOLDS MEETING**

The entire report of the splendid convention of the Imperial County Federation would need half a magazine issue, so replete with Federation spirit and news, was this remarkable all-day meeting held in Calexico, February 5. Mrs. J. R. Stevenson presided.

Mrs. W. S. Fawcett gave the report on revision of County Federation By-Laws. The following amendments were adopted: Rotation of the office of President to be as follows: El Centro, Brawley, Calexico, Imperial, Holtville, Heber, Calipatria. No club should have the presidency until it had been a member of the county organization at least two years.

The voting body, which was made up of five delegates from each club, will be augmented by presidents of all clubs, chairmen of standing county committees, and district and state officers residing in the county.

Officers elected at the annual meeting in February shall begin the active duties of their offices at the annual conference meeting, the third Saturday in October. It shall be unconstitutional for any officer to hold office for two consecutive years.

New officers of the Federation are: Mrs. Vaughn Francis, Holtville, President; Mrs. Charles Turner, Calexico, Vice-President; Mrs. Eugene Le Baron, Brawley, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. Karl Fähring, Holtville, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. J. Ritz, El Centro, Treasurer; Mrs. L. A. Barnum, Heber, Auditor.

**EXTENSION WORK USEFUL**

**Dr. Ira W. Howerth, Berkeley University**

The University of California is endeavoring to increase its usefulness to the State, through University Extension. Knowledge is valuable only as it is scattered abroad. The object of the University is to pass forward knowledge accumulated. We work for the benefit of the people who cannot attend the University.

The lecture bureau utilizes members of the faculty by sending them to all parts of the State in establishing lecture courses. The Bureau of Correspondence Instruction has 3,000 students enrolled, including men in mines, women on farms, inmates of San Quentin, and hundreds of men in various occupations. Two hundred courses are offered.

The Bureau of Class Instruction gives classes who unite under an instructor from the University, thus effecting economy of time and energy. This department has 1,500 students enrolled. The Bureau of Public Discussion provides high school clubs and societies material for any subject of research desired. This Bureau has organized a State high school debating league.

The Bureau of Municipal Reference renders assistance to municipalities in any line desirable, from the building of a town hall to the systematic planting of trees. The extension division stands ready and anxious to be of aid to any club or club woman of California.

"We have five Bureaus. The Bureau of Correspondence Instruction sends out questions to centers with instructions to answer these and return a duplicate copy, which is examined and corrected by an instructor. By this means we are reaching out even into the lumber camps and into the mines, and some 2000 are enrolled. These courses cost \$5 in classes.

"A Bureau of Public Discussion is for those centers where there is a desire to enter on public debates. The Bureau of Municipal Reference is an

exchange of information. Questions are answered by this bureau, to extend information on matters of municipal importance.

"The next step will be to open a Bureau of Visual Instruction, which will include a large collection of slides, maps, pictures, which will be sent out free, with the exception of the transportation charges to high schools."

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**TRAVELERS' AID USEFUL**

The Travelers' Aid work in the San Joaquin Valley has been very thoroughly organized with Fresno as a center. Practically every club in the Federation has contributed to the fund for the work, and clubs on the railroads have appointed from their quota of numbers two responsible women as volunteers to meet incoming trains on receipt of telegram or telephone from Fresno or San Francisco. These women will take in charge any girl sent to them, until she reaches her destination or place of employment. Clubs have been asked to appoint a committee to look into possible openings for girls and to send in, from time to time, lists of guaranteed places. The work of organization in Fresno is in charge of the Y. W. C. A.

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**1915 DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Invitations for the 1915 district convention were received from the Woman's Club of Bakersfield and the Woman's Improvement Club of Merced. The invitations were presented to the convention too late for action by the convention body, and the matter of decision was left to the district board. The convention dates have been changed to the former time of meeting, the first week of April.

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Corona Club of San Francisco will welcome all visiting clubwomen the second and fourth Thursday afternoons during Exposition months, at 536 Sutter street, presenting programs of unusual interest. Mrs. E. D. Knight is president.



## SOCIAL FEATURES

The Federation Luncheon has come to be one of the most pleasant features of the convention. That given this year by the hostess clubs, Selma Wednesday Literary Club, Woman's Improvement Club of Selma, Walnut Improvement Club, and East Side Country Club, added another pleasant memory to a long list already to the credit of the Federation. The Luncheon tables, their violets and jonquils breathing of Spring, filled the dining room of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Edwin Ross, of the East Side Club, presided as toastmistress, proposing her toasts in clever rhyme. Those who responded were: Mrs. A. B. Armstrong, "Reminiscences of Valley Federations;" Mrs. S. L. Wiley, "Selma;" Mrs. Frank Guiberson, "California Clubs, 1925;" Mrs. W. P. Miller, "Woman's Duty;" Mrs. H. G. Drew, "Our Honored Guests;" Mrs. Joel Smith, in song, "I Love You, California."

The annual reception was held the first evening of the convention, in the auditorium of the church, at the conclusion of the program. It was informal and most enjoyable. Everyone introduced herself to her neighbor, and many club reminiscences were exchanged.

The concluding social affair was the Japanese Tea at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Edwin Ross, where the visitors were taken in automobiles, through peach orchards and vineyards. The ladies of the East Side Club received the delegates in true Japanese style, but the hospitality dispensed was truly American.

For genuine sociability, in all the good word means, the "story woman" refers the clubs of California to the Selma club women.

## "HOSTESS" VIEWPOINT

**Mrs. John H. Arthur**

What has the Convention of the Federation of the San Joaquin Valley District brought to the hostess' city? What has it left its people?

The four clubs, the East Side Country, the Walnut Improvement, the Wednesday Literary and the Woman's Improvement of Selma, which united to act as "hostess," have, with their 100 or more active members, been brought closer together.

Mutual interest grew into acquaintance, and mere acquaintance into appreciative friendliness. Unknown abilities, capabilities and talents were discovered which can be called into activity in work yet to be done. In offering cordial hospitality, as is always true, more was received than given. Perhaps there were not so many "words of wisdom" spoken as at some conventions, for we sadly missed our State President, our District President and many chairmen of important departments who could have given us valuable information and helpful counsel. But, while the spoken is more forceful than the written word, we may find our "wisdom" all in print if we will search.

There was in full measure the interchange of ideas and enthusiasms among the members of the 34 clubs whose delegates were in attendance, a real comradeship and mutual respect for the work of others and a feeling that each group is a vital part of the State Federation. The guests are gone, but have left behind for our blessing a broader sympathy, a clearer outlook, and a longing that we, too, may find our work and so be useful to the world.

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The Laton Progressive Club is considering changing its name, because so many understand it to be named for the political party. The club was started before the party was originated. However, it has engaged in political activity. A registration and a political talk-fest were given last fall.

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The West Park Thursday Club maintains a dollar fund, each member earning a dollar during her vacation and telling how she earned it.

## GREETINGS EXTENDED TO ALAMEDA

Among the interesting features of the Alameda convention were the greetings of two popular visiting District Presidents, a Past President of Federation, and others.

I bring greetings from nineteen counties. The women of this district have caught the broader meaning of club life and are working toward it most effectively. They are not content with the mere doing of things, but with activities that insure growth. We turn naturally then to our club for co-operative effort for the good and service of the community. It adds to efficiency in the work we are trying to accomplish.

MRS. A. F. JONES,

President Northern District.

Where Women's Clubs are most active there you find good milk, clean streets, and better home life. A Woman's Club, if it be conducted properly, is one of the moral and refining influences in a community. A club that is purely social, with no civic spirit, where activities do not extend beyond the walls of the club house walls, could not hope to exert an influence that would be felt by the people at large. Such clubs are few and those devoted to serious activities are many.

MRS. PERCY S. KING,

President San Francisco District.

I bring a message, not from one section to another, but from one group of women to another. "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." Whenever women unite they can crush the serpent of ignorance, brutality, war, or whatever the evil may be. Let us then clasp hands across the Tehachapi, for in unity there is strength.

MRS. ROBERT J. BURDETTE,

Past State President.

Things should always be done decently and in order, whether it be in the home or the club. Parliamentary law

is to the clubs what the business head is to the home. A correct understanding of parliamentary law facilitates the business of an organization instead of retarding it. Every woman who wishes to be of service to her club, her church, or in gatherings, either large or small, should have correct knowledge of parliamentary law, and she should make it her servant, not her master. Women ride my hobby for awhile, and I assure you that the pace is moderate and the road smooth.

MRS. A. L. BARRY,

(Read by Mrs. Emily Hoppin).

The appreciation of what we are doing for the women in the rural districts is a reward for all energy expended. I think there are few people, who have been reared in towns and cities, who can know how eager rural women are, without going among them as I do. Aside from churches, these clubs offer almost the sole means of neighborhood intellectual intercourse.

MISS LILLIAN D. CLARK,

State Chairman of Country Life.

If you want to test the loyalty of your members in clubs, build a club house. The thread and woof of our plans were the enthusiasm of our members. They gave money in a generous way, so far as they were able. They entered into the spirit of doing and planning, and it was an inspiration to work with them. We have found, too, that within the clubs, whatever work they take up, they show a like devotion and enthusiastic spirit.

MRS. J. F. SOLINSKY,

Of the Home Association.

The Domestic Science department of the Coalinga Woman's Club meets twice each month in the domestic science room of the high school for a lesson from a competent instructor.

# INFLUENCE OF ART AND LITERATURE

Professor Maria Sanford

Of all studies there is none that so enlarges the heart and fills the soul as art and literature. Not all the finest pieces of art are in buildings and museums. We have them all around us, sometimes right at our doors, though we do not always know it. God keeps an open gallery all the time, and a blessing it is to those who cannot buy works of art for themselves.

Be honest in your estimate of a bit of art. Do not say you enjoy it if you do not. Teach your children to do the same. When people hang pictures upon their own walls, they have not done their full duty. It is only a small per cent of our population that can possess beautiful paintings. People who can should help their communities to provide the best in art, so the masses can see and enjoy.

Surround the youth of our land with good art, good music and good literature, and it will influence the character for better living. We must include under art: Music, poetry, sculpture and architecture. Music is often defined as liquid beauty; sculpture as solid beauty; sculpture also, as chrystalized

music. To understand any piece of art one must believe in it. I am sure that we do not realize the value of music. We should cultivate in our youth a taste for good music, and not waste time on anything but the best. Always keep the best before a child and he will never want the inferior.

Our architecture in America is not always good, but better than it was 30 years ago. There is still room for improvement. Our churches and business blocks could be improved, and should be.

Literature in beauty of form and richness of thought should be preserved with as much care as our paintings. Yea more, as it is through literature, by means of some gifted one, we read the thoughts and actions of a nation, their history in short, which we call poetry and prose.

[Prof. Sanford is an aged woman of rare ability and unusual culture. She quoted extensively from both poets and prose writers. She has a remarkably clear voice and can make herself heard by a large audience. She is alert in mind and body, and has a charming personality. She was at one time Professor in the University of Minnesota.]

## ALAMEDA RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Resolutions adopted at the Alameda District Convention included: Bill 937, appropriating \$10,000 for the John Muir Trail from Mt. Whitney to the Yosemite; Women's Peace Petition to all crowned heads of Europe to end the war; the Waterways Bill; appropriating money for University Extension; Bill 455, to provide for a State Art Commission; Bill 1408, to prevent the killing of meadow larks, robins and blackbirds; Bill 1442, to prevent the sale and shipment of game in the fourth Fish and Game District of the State; and Alameda County bond issue for the Panama-Pacific Exposition; and the five bills endorsed by the Women's Legislative Council of California, in-

cluding Birth Registration, Home Teacher's Bill, Compulsory Education Bill, Child Labor Bill, and Women on Juries.

In the discussion of "The Problem of the Unemployed," Mr. J. Vance Thompson made a plea before the Alameda District Convention for the establishment of free labor bureaus in the United States. Like other questions that have been discussed, this question is international, and he asked the women of the convention to give it their serious thought.

Lodi was chosen for the next meeting place of the Alameda District Convention.



## DISTRICT REPORT

### Mrs. W. E. Colby, District President

In closing this, my second year of service as President of the Alameda District, C. F. W. C., I would express my appreciation of the spirit of co-operation, of true friendliness, which has pervaded the District, and which has made possible anything of accomplishment which stands to our credit. I would pay a deserved tribute to the officers who have worked so loyally, faithfully and successfully with me. To mention those who have been of the greatest help would be to begin at the top and call the roll. Each has filled her place, and filled it well.

The friendships made among the club women during these two years and the joy and inspiration which I have gained from the service, has more than repaid for the work, which has been at times most arduous. There are, as the result of my experience, certain recommendations that I would make to my successor:

Each Chairman should ascertain, at the beginning of her term of office, what clubs are interested in her subject, and desire to receive her communications. To spend time and money on sending data on "the housing question" to a club interested solely in music, is, to say the least, inefficient. If the clubs received material from those departments alone, in which they are interested, such material would receive a more enthusiastic welcome than it does now.

Each club should have a Federation Secretary, on the same principle that the State has a General Federation Secretary, who receives all communications from the General Federation to the State Federation. This Secretary should be the link between the Club and the District, having no other duties than those of receiving and answering letters from the District Chairman. If this recommendation were adopted our Chairmen would no longer complain of the indifferent response made by the clubs to their letters.

Reciprocity Days should be a prominent feature of the District work. Clubs suitably situated in outlying centers should be urged and encouraged to hold these days. They will do more than anything else to promote the work of the District.

I submit this with a renewed expression of appreciation of your courtesy to me. For my successor I can wish nothing better than the same loyalty shown me.

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## CLUBS IN POLITICS

In the discussion at the Alameda District Convention, "Shall Clubs Take Part in Political Activities?" Mrs. Charles Spinks, the first speaker, declared the time was coming when we would have to use something that was more effective than the remedial measures that have been so long discussed in Women's Clubs. We must have the preventive means as well; and this implies politics. It is not politics, but political manipulation that is unclean. Politics defiled, is sending the nations of Europe to the battle field; politics consecrated, is keeping the dove of peace hovering over the White House.

Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer said: The one great danger that would face the Women's Clubs in participating in political activities would be political intrigue in the legislature and elsewhere. There would be attempts, no doubt. But I have faith in the women of the State; and in bringing this question before the Clubs I believe some right conclusion will be reached.

Mrs. Emily Hoppin said, as a general thing when women find that intrigue is being tried, they may be assured that is the signal for the defeat of any measure.

Mrs. R. O. Moody believes that if we we take part in politics in a sane way, which would seem the right way, it could not be productive of anything but good.

**HOSPITALITY EXTENDED**

**Mrs. Richard G. Boone**  
Special Press Chairman

A sumptuous banquet was provided for the visiting members of the convention Thursday evening at 6:30, followed by a reception to the District officers. One hundred forty-four were seated at the small tables, with Mrs. W. E. Colby as toastmistress. The program consisted of four greetings, interspersed with enjoyable music by Mrs. J. Elmer Morrish, of Berkeley, accompanied by Miss Gaut.

Mrs. J. W. Orr, past State President, was the first speaker. She said she was gently lowered from the ship of state, last year at Riverside, and was now buried in the cold, cold waters of oblivion. While always desiring pleasure and profit from a wide association with the women of her own State, and from other States as well, it was with a feeling of relief that the work of the Federation had been transferred into other hands.

Miss Jessica Lee Briggs of the Local Board of the State Convention for 1915, set forth in rhyme her appeal for the women to attend the sessions which are to be held in San Francisco May 17-22. She described the features of the Exposition that could be seen, declaring that everything from fishes to leaves in these days is holding conventions and that it will help "to take the queeriness out of you, and the queeriness out of me."

Mrs. J. C. Lynch, a past President of the District, gave a humorous and enjoyable talk on the "Down and Outs." Although branded as a "Down and Out," she did not think it was so bad after all to miss one's picture from the morning paper, as it was rarely recognized anyway. She had appropriate stories for the occasion and showed more the optimism of youth than the gravity of the experienced member and one-time officer of the Federation.

Mrs. E. G. Denniston of the General Federation gave the closing toast, a serious appeal to the women to avail themselves of the advantages of the organization.

**TRUE INTERNATIONALISM**

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, Ind., in a very spirited address on "True Internationalism," found a ready response from the Alameda Convention. She said:

"Before one can be a True Internationalist one must be a true Nationalist, full of patriotic pride for one's own land. Our republic draws its life from many people and lands. The simplest dressed, and most democratic woman in this room is clothed with garments to which more than one country has contributed. We have appetites, which bountiful as your beautiful State is, California cannot satisfy; all the world contributes to our larders; our simple cup of tea comes from foreign lands. Physically we are already internationalized; intellectually we draw our information from world sources.

"The people of New England who are so self-complacent over the little group that came in the ship called the Mayflower, and the little group in California, equally complacent over the Forty-Niners, both draw from world life. What would we think of a newspaper that gave only State news. The glory of your Exposition in San Francisco is not in its art, wonderful as it is, nor in its palaces, beautiful as they are; but in the cosmopolitan humanity that finds expression there.

"Our literature has its source in classic nations; our very blood is mixed. We are more than Dane, and Saxon, and Norman, as Tennyson sang. It is our glory that we are mixed blood internationalized. Commercially, too, we are internationalized. Big business knows no boundaries of continent or oceans."

Mrs. Sewall has won an international name for herself in her work for universal peace. There will convene, July 4 in San Francisco, a Peace Congress, over which Mrs. Sewall will preside, representing 149 organizations in the United States and 43 foreign bodies which have pledged their support.

## DISTRICT OR COUNTY

The discussion as to whether the present district boundaries should be maintained, or county lines adopted, resulted in confirming the wish of the Alameda district that the lines remain unchanged.

Mrs. E. D. Knight favored the county plan, arguing that the county line was the logical one, the county the natural unit of federation, and that wherever it had been tried it was successful. She also noted that the movement for the county line was nationwide; and it was only a question of time when this uniformity would be a necessity.

Mrs. John Montgomery brought forward the difficulties of the county plan—that there were few clubs, that the members needed the inspiration that the District Convention gives to them, and that this wider connection is to them the essence of club life. The majority of the speakers favored district, not county boundaries, those from the smaller counties declaring they became tired of looking at each other, and welcomed new faces. The motion to leave the boundaries as at present carried with enthusiasm.

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## LIBRARY AND RECIPROCITY

Mrs. George A. Mullin,  
San Francisco Chairman

It is the aim of the Department of Library Information and Reciprocity to render, when called upon, as much assistance as possible, both to the City Clubs and the smaller out-of-town Clubs. To this end will your Club help us by mailing each month two copies of your Club Bulletin; by sending, if you own your own Club House, copies of the floor plans and views of the exterior; by mailing a typewritten copy of the best papers prepared and read before your club, so that other clubs may have the benefit of them; by planning to have some part of a program during the year devoted to Reciprocity and Library Information. Mail a full report to me.

## BIENNIAL COUNCIL

The General Federation Mid-Biennial Council will meet at Portland, Oregon, June 1, 2, and 3. The Council Committee plans to make this a genuine Council, a gathering together for the purpose of canvassing the various interests of our organization; to give our General Federation Secretaries an opportunity to be heard; to lay stress on the tremendously significant Peace movement and woman's duty therein.

A question box is proposed and from it the women of the country will probably hear some of the most important phases of our work presented, as for instance, "The Place of the Young Women in Club Life," "Club Extension," "The Bureau of Information," "Revision of By-Laws," "Reorganization," "More Publicity."

Mrs. Pennypacker will be on the Coast for several weeks visiting the State meetings of California, Washington and Montana, and meeting with the women of several of the other western states.

Write for reservations to Mrs. J. W. Tift, 351 West Park Street, Portland. The Chairman of the Council Committee is Mrs. William P. Harper, who is now at La Casa Grande Hotel, Pasadena.

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## CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

It has been decided by the Local Board that the State Convention headquarters will be at Hotel Bellevue, corner of Geary and Taylor Streets, San Francisco—one block from Union Square. It is ten minutes by car to the Exposition. The hotel is commodious and state delegates will be cared for in a commendatory way, it is promised.

The hotel has 300 rooms, all equipped with private baths and prices will be reasonable. More information will be given later.



## PHASES OF WORK IN COUNTRY LIFE

Miss Lillian D. Clark, State Chairman

Having been asked to write of that which in the Country Life Work lies nearest my heart, my thought leaps at once to the many dear women in our country homes who have not yet learned to conserve their physical strength nor vitalize their mental life—in other words, to balance strength consumed by manual effort with strength consumed by brain activity. There is need for a re-direction of effort. The steps preceding such re-direction are: Recognition of defects and acknowledgement thereof; utilization of methods and resources of modern science; the exercise of a teachable spirit. The three fields of re-direction are: Sanitation; labor saving devices; instruction in standardizing housework.

In study of sanitation should come a study of the location of the house in relation to drainage; study of principles and the construction of the septic tank for sewage disposal; study of how and why to protect the water supply from contamination; study the methods and expense of installing a hot and cold water supply system in the house; arrangement in the house of lavatory, bath tub and toilet; the necessity and reason for a lavatory on the back porch for the use of the men of the household—the kitchen sink was never intended to serve this purpose.

Mrs. Christine Fredrick has defined a labor saving device as a strength saver, time saver, labor saver and fuel

saver. All kitchen equipment should be devices that answer to this definition. The principal of efficiency as applied in the factories and the workshops of the cities can and should be applied in the farmhouse kitchen.

A task is standardized when performed with the least expenditure of strength, time and motion, and is properly related to the other tasks of the day. This study must necessarily be more or less individual, each housekeeper studying her own equipment. As to the activities outside of the home, there should be an endeavor to establish a closer bond of union and greater co-operation between the home and the school. The Alderman plan of giving school credit for home work as used in Oregon and some parts of California is accomplishing this result.

The Country Life Department should encourage all women in rural life to study legislative measures, National and State, relating to fundamental conditions of human welfare; for example, the National Marketing Commission by which the distribution of all the products of agriculture can be regulated; also Rural Credit or Land Banks by which the producer can secure money at a reasonable, livable rate of interest. Whatever helps the indoors of the country life helps the outdoors, and it is to be chiefly women's work to establish this equality—this balance which until recently has never been considered.

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The San Joaquin District Convention at Selma voted to take out 10 memberships in the Inland-Waterways Association, and appointed these members as delegates to the Inland-Waterways Congress to convene in San Francisco March 23-25. The delegates are: Mrs. S. L. Wiley, Fresno; Mrs. Edwin Ross, Parlier; Mrs. E. C. Dozier, Modesto; Mrs. D. A. Leonard, Dos Palos; Mrs. A. C. Brown, Hanford; Mrs. C. E. Hare, Bakersfield; Mrs. McLean, Exeter; Mrs. Frank Johnson, Hardwick; Mrs. Albert Wilson, Dinuba.

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The Bakersfield Woman's Club established a children's library with a trained children's librarian in charge, who has made a feature of the Story Hour.

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The Clovis Woman's Club is establishing a city park, which is also to be used as a playground, in co-operation with the church women of the city.

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The Fowler Improvement Club assists in the support of the county library.

## CONVENTION HOTEL DATA.

### Miss Jennie Partridge, Hotel Chairman

The Hotel Committee is composed of 30 women drawn from the Alpha Neighborhood, Corona, Dorian, and New England Colony, with Miss Erikson of the Inside Inn. The city has been divided into 14 districts, two women in each district, to list hotels and boarding houses. The Official Hotel Exposition Bureau has been most helpful in furnishing data for the work, and will co-operate with us in all ways possible. The rates are inspected and passed upon as reasonable for location and service.

Rates have not been raised more than \$1 a day in any case. Some hotels, knowing they can make more money with transients, have notified their regular guests that they must pay transient prices, which may have given rise to the rumor that rates were raised. There are over 500 hotels with accommodations for 250,000 persons daily, but owing to many conventions being held in any one week, the club women are advised to make reservations early.

The Hotel Bureau has made the rule that reservations must be accompanied by \$5, or none will be made. Checks may be made payable to Miss Jennie Partridge, who will endorse the check to the hotel. Rooms can be reserved in blocks of 5 or 100 in any one hotel with deposit of \$5 per room. Rates, \$1-\$5 a person per day, European plan; \$3.50 per day, American plan. The \$1 per day means two in a room; \$1.50 is the least for one in a room in hotels.

Boarding houses, \$1 up a day, per person, and \$2 per day including breakfast and dinner, \$2.50 per day including all meals. All hotels and boarding houses listed with our Hotel Committee are personally recommended as far as possible.

In writing us please state: Whether hotel, apartment house or boarding house is desired; if hotel, whether European or American plan; date of arrival; probable length of stay; number

of persons to be accommodated; maximum rate to be paid. With this information we will furnish a list of hotels from which to make choice, or place you ourselves.

Apartments are from \$3 a day up, and would be very desirable for a number of women from any one club to be together.

The Universal Bus and Taxi Company furnishes service to all hotels within certain zone limits for 25 cents a person, including hand luggage. The 5-cent jitneys are also much in evidence, but no hand luggage allowed. The World's Fair Bus and Tour Company shows you everything in and about the city with perfect comfort and reasonable rates.

## COUNTY PLAN UNPOPULAR

The San Joaquin District does not seem to favor the present plan of re-districting the State Federation or does it favor County Federation. In an interesting and lively discussion of the two subjects, these were some of the suggestions made:

The San Joaquin Federation has "mothered" all of the others of the State, including the State Federation, and, representing the first of the affiliated club life, is loathe to forfeit any of its included territory.

County Federation would deprive clubwomen of the benefit of "rubbing shoulders with representatives of 39 different clubs. Of the 39 clubs in the Federation, 32 had representatives at the convention. State officers would rarely be able to visit the meetings, should the county organizations be formed in place of the districts.

Smaller groups would become self-satisfied and selfish and indifferent to the needs of the State organization. Many clubs would be robbed of the inspirations gleaned from the conventions, because the less populous counties would be limited in membership.

**"LOCAL BOARD" NEWS****Mrs. D. J. MacMaster,****Vice Chairman, President California Club**

The club women of San Francisco are looking forward with pleasure to the meeting of our California Federation of Women's Clubs, which convenes in May, and more especially interested are the members of the Local Board who are working so earnestly that it may be a complete success. We fully appreciate the courtesy that the Federation has extended to our district and to our city in holding its convention of 1915 in our midst.

While it is not its first visit to our city, it is its first visit to the new San Francisco. The delegates will be received with the most cordial hospitality and San Francisco District and city club women, as well as the citizens generally, will do everything possible to make their visit pleasant and profitable.

There is, already at hand, ample interest and excitement concerning our convention, for the wheels within wheels have been set buzzing by our industrious chairmen who have really begun work in earnest, and when the delegates visit us in May, behind the seeming magic and the apparent easy success of the convention there will have been long months of rigid industry.

The women who are lending themselves so ably and unsparingly to this task are our busiest club women, for it takes business acumen, appreciation of detail, imagination, organizing ability and many other qualifications to carry out an undertaking like this to the last degree of perfection.

Our desires and aims are to give the best we have for the purpose of meeting the convention needs, and while we feel sure of success, we do not find our path all white roses and soft down; however, it is good for us to get out of the little world in which we move, beginning with our district and ending with our city clubs; it broadens us to

prepare for others and not become too much absorbed in our own affairs.

With the idea of being of service to all not acquainted with our city and the activities of the convention, the California Club has been assigned the duties of the Bureau of Information, Chairman, Miss Margaret Curry, 602 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, and inquiries for information may be addressed to her.

The Bureau of Information will endeavor to make its service of full and prompt value to the convention, seeking if necessary, the co-operation of public departments and officials as well as private corporations and individuals.

**CARLOTTA CLUB ORGANIZES****Mrs. Lillian R. Monroe**

At a meeting of the women of Carlotta and vicinity called by Mrs. E. A. Light, it was decided to invite Mrs. George D. Murray of Eureka, to perfect the organization of a Woman's Club of Carlotta and neighborhood.

Mrs. Murray organized a Club known as the Carlotta Woman's Club last August with the following officers to serve the first year: President, Mrs. Emily A. Mitchell; Vice-President, Mrs. Charlotta M. Wilder; Secretary, Miss Eva Bittencourt; Associate Secretary, Mrs. Bessie H. Fisher; Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Driesbach; Program Committee, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Driesbach, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Fisher.

The Club Flower is the Violet, and the Motto:

"There is no chance, no destiny, no fate,  
Can circumvent, or hinder, or control.  
The firm resolve of a determined mind.  
Gift counts for little; will alone is great.  
All things give way before it soon or late."

The objects are the promotion of study, the cultivation of literary taste, the encouragement of freedom of discussion, civic improvements in our community; and to promote a spirit of unity and sociability in the neighborhood. The Club is a member of the Humboldt County Federation of Women's Club and the California Federation of Women's Clubs, with 18 active members.



**WOMAN'S SUPREME TASK****Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones**

(Continued from Last Month)

Sixty-nine years ago Charles Sumner delivered what in the light of history is one of the greatest orations in the literature of any country. Pointing first to the then imposing battleship "Ohio," in the Boston Harbor, which now would be a mere skiff in naval architecture, and next, to Harvard University with its museums, libraries, schools of law, divinity and medicine, and endowments representing the accumulations of two centuries of generosity, he declared the damning figures—"that one grim battleship represents \$100,000 more investment than all of Harvard University, then as now, the proudest seat of learning in the United States.

Some fifty years later Harvard's great president, Dr. Eliot, took up the sum where Charles Sumner laid it down, and called attention to the fact, that one of our short-lived monsters of the sea," as he called them, would plant a Tuskegee Institute in every Southern State in the Union. With the \$10,000,000 that the dreadnaught would cost, he proposed to build the hundred buildings of Harvard University and throw in the buildings of Yale, Amherst, Williams, Bowdoin, Brown and Dartmouth. Then he would have \$1,000,000 left with which to erect the buildings of the University of Virginia, Hampton University, Williams and Mary College, and still have money left over.

But one may look at the sun until blinded and listen to the roar of Niagara until deafened. Such is the fate of our legislators and economists in regard to the cost, not of real wars but of the preparations for wars that never come. If expert legislators, professional statesmen have been rendered figure blind by the statistics of the War Department, how much more helpless is such a company as this, a gathering of women however noble, supposed to be incompetent to grasp a business proposition and who are

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novices in statesmanship? More effective is the gruesome illustration of Thomas Carlyle who has illuminated these dark facts with the lurid light of genius. He withdraws from the simple life of Drumdrudge in Scotland:

"Thirty able-bodied men whom that countryside had suckled and fed into manhood, not without difficulty and sorrow, and even trained them to crafts so that one could weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest could stand under thirty stone avoirdupois. Nevertheless, amid weeping and wailing, they were selected, dressed in red, and shipped away at the public charge—say to the South of Spain at Gibraltar, and there fed till they are wanted.

"Not far away over the line in France were thirty other artisans selected from a French Drumdrudge in like manner, fed in the same way, till at length after an infinite effort the two parties met. Thirty stood fronting thirty, each with a gun in his hand. 'Fire!' was the command, and they blew the soul out of one another, and in place of sixty brisk, useful craftsmen, the world had sixty dead carcasses which it had to bury and shed tears for. Had these men any quarrel? Nay, busy as the devil is, not the smallest. On the other hand, consciously or otherwise, they had mutual interests. Their governors had fallen out and instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make these poor blockheads shoot. So, is it in Deutschland and hitherto in all other lands."

But perhaps Carlyle is old-fashioned, more read about than read. Baroness von Suttner, a veritable "Daughter of the Regiment," has portrayed the horrible realities of this human waste, from first-hand studies of Europe brought down to date. She has spoken

for the wives who find no compensation in glory or martial display, for sleepless nights while husbands are in the rifle pits, although thereby some royal title may be righted, some political affront atoned, some wanton murder avenged by more murders, and still more murders—always the murder of the innocent.

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A fitting climax to this great artistic protest against human sacrifice was that which carried the quivering heart of the artist down into the deep with the battleship whose terrors he meant to portray. But not the waste of dollars, no, not even the waste of legs and arms, good healthy human flesh, but the more atrocious waste of soul, the devastation of spirit, the debauchment of morals, represent woman's supreme burden.

I have a right to speak here. Three years of my life were spent under orders as a private in the noblest army that was ever gathered, doing service for the highest cause for which ever an army was marshaled, the cause of the slave, the rights of a depised race; and still under such circumstances I testify to the horrible degradation, the spiritual contaminations, the intellectual indolence, the vulgarity of speech, the filthiness of imagination, the gambling, inebrity and the fell harpies of sensualism that beset the military camp everywhere and always. And according to the inevitable law of nature, this wretched brood is full of fecundity.

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The Arbor day appointed by the Woman's Improvement Club of Selma was observed by twenty-four club women and their friends resetting the missing trees on the State Highway. Some 165 were planted, making a line of Balm of Gilead trees from Selma north to the Fowler switch canal, and south, over half way to Kingsburg.

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## LA JOLLA WOMAN'S CLUB Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Club Historian

The La Jolla Woman's Club began its existence in 1894 as a Magazine Club with six members.

In 1897 seven women, designating themselves as Charter Members, met and drafted a Constitution and By-Laws, changing the Club name to "The Current Events and Reading Club."

In October, 1897, the Club joined the San Diego County Federation; in 1900 the Southern District Federation; and in 1902 the State and General Federations, when the Club became known as "The La Jolla Woman's Club." The Club study has embraced History, Literature, and the Fine Arts, Woman Suffrage, Child Welfare, Civics. In 1913 Miss Ellen Browning Scripps, one of its most honored members, proposed the building of a Club House.

The Corner Stone was laid December 3, 1913, copies of the Memorial Resolutions, prophecy of La Jolla's future, written by Miss Scripps in 1899, brief history of the Club written by Miss Nina Waddell, and Miss Scripps' photograph, being inclosed in a metal casket and placed with the stone.

On October 5, 1914, the Club, with a membership of 103, held its first meeting in its new \$40,000 home—a building beautiful, commodious and artistic, exquisitely furnished and perfect in every detail. At that meeting Miss Scripps presented a deed of gift of the Club House to its members, saying in part:

"A good gift, given in good faith speaks for itself, and I should count it a small thing, an unworthy gift, were it not built, as I honestly believe it is, on the foundation of Faith, Hope and Charity. This word in its primal and its widest meaning, I would if I could, make the keynote of our organization."

The President, Mrs. William E. Ritter, responded with heartfelt words of acceptance, and the Club began work in its new home with an earnest desire to live up to the standard which has

been the dream and aspiration of Miss Scripps through all the years of her membership with the Club.

## THE WOMAN "LOBBYIST"

By Marguerite Ogden

The opprobrium to a woman "lobbyist" is no longer to attach. Slowly and surely the distinction of sex as a handicap in the world's work is disappearing. I do not mean that women are becoming any the less womanly. On the contrary, the hardship and bitterness attendant upon any attempt of women to take up interests outside the home, which were so apt to render her as opprobriously "masculine," are lessening. And women realize that they can fearlessly, and therefore naturally and successfully, during the expansion of their interests and responsibilities, retain any womanly individuality which they possess.

There is not time, nor am I competent to speak adequately of the work of the women who have "influenced" legislation in the past few years in California. Most of you know, far more intimately than I, the various phases of the work that this organization and its members have done. We have it asked very often, with a definite answer demanded: "What are California women doing with suffrage?"

We are not actively, noisily "doing" so very much. Sometimes I think we worry because we are not "doing" enough. The women of California are taking suffrage as a sort of third course in the meal of intellectual and civic development. First we are making our "influence" clean, frank and honest, without its losing any effectiveness. Second, we are experiencing education that puts our minds in honorable rivalry with those of that other half of the world called "men." Third, equal suffrage gives the opportunity to make use of that "influence" in solving not only abstract and philosophical problems, but gives us the opportunity and makes it our duty to use both influence and mind in the work of the world and its government.



## THE CLUBWOMAN ADVERTISING SECTION

### STATE BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the Executive Board, C. F. W. C., was held at Twentieth Century Club house, Berkeley, Thursday, February 28, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer presiding.

Endorsement of the Federal Palmer Owen Child Labor Bill was given. Mrs. A. F. Jones gave a report of her Executive Board meeting February 6. Mrs. Percy S. King reported that few meetings of the San Francisco District Board are being held because of distance, but that work is distributed throughout the district and that chairmen are presenting good reports.

Mrs. W. E. Colby said that work of Alameda District would be shown at coming convention. Mrs. Emily Hopkin, Vice-President-at-Large, has been in communication with many clubs throughout the State. Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, chairman of the Local Board, stated that a working force of about 130 women are making preparations for State Convention.

Mrs. E. G. Greene, Waterways, reported that the commissioner appointed at Riverside Mmes. Kendall, Craig and Brainerd, have decided to make a special study of Water Power, Irrigation, and Flood Control. Mrs. George Reinhardt, Literature: That her department is specially fortunate in having a very active chairman of the General Federation. Miss Ethel Wickes, Art, reported communication with clubs on subjects of art. Mrs. Stadtmuller, local chairman of Art, will have some sort of an exhibit during coming State Convention.

Mrs. Walter Longbotham, Music, reported that special attention be given to the music of the convention. Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, Club Extension, reported 47 new clubs since Riverside Convention. Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, Legislation, reported that The Women's Legislative Council is helping Federation in many ways. Mrs. Colby moved that C. F. W. C. contribute \$50 toward the Council expenses.

Mrs. P. F. Powers, Philanthropy, reported great interest in philanthro-

phy work. Mrs. L. P. Crane, Health, spoke of a special effort still being directed toward the enforcement of birth registration. Mrs. Susan T. Smith, Library Information and Reciprocity, reported that district chairmen have sent a splendid collection of programs, outlines, announcement of lectures, pictures of club houses, etc.

Miss Lillian D. Clark, Country Life, reported that rural clubs through the district chairmen have been asked to study legislative measures, both national and state, relating particularly to rural conditions.

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New clubs passed into Federation at the last State Board meeting include: Northern Dist.—Sheridan Woman's club; Jackson Poppy club. San Francisco Dist.—Glen Park Outdoor league; Fortuna Thimble club; Oak Grove Home and School club of Graton; Samoa Woman's club. Alameda Dist.—Woman's Auxiliary, S. E.; Oakland Improvement club. San Joaquin Dist.—Fresno Friday Study club. Los Angeles Dist.—Bellflower Mary Arden club; Los Angeles University Book club; San Fernando Ebell club; Owensmouth Woman's club; Lankershim Woman's club; Moorpark Fortnightly club; San Fernando Valley Woman's Civic league; Los Angeles Schubert club; and Baldwin Park Woman's club.

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**LOS ANGELES**  
**By Ella Hamilton Durley,**  
**Press Chairman**

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club closed the first half of the current year by giving a Reciprocity Day Program, February 8. More than 200 sat down to a bounteous luncheon. Speeches, brilliant and entertaining, were made by several, followed by a delightful program given by Miss Louise Gunning, Miss Freida Peycke and James Foley, the poet. The programs for the year have been exceedingly good.

The Poinsettia Club of Ventura has taken up the study of Forestry with much zeal and the members hope for interesting practical results. The club has secured from the Southern Pacific a lease of a plot of ground near the station for a small park which will be planted immediately.

The Improvement Club of Bishop has enjoyed an increase in attendance from 23 to 56 members since October. This unusual increase was the direct result of adding two new sections to the club—Art and Literature.

The chairmen are Mrs. Robert H. Thomas, Literary, and Mrs. W. E. Pate, Art. Both have made a house to house canvass for members. Recently the Clubs of Bishop have been given the free use of cozy, sunny quarters in the new city hall for their meetings. A good branch of the County Library established in Bishop gives the advantage of drawing books from the State Library for use in Club work. This branch was supported last year by the local Clubs and now is established in rooms opening from the new club room by glass doors.

Reciprocity has been the Club watchword for February. The following Los Angeles District Clubs have held Reciprocity Days: Sierra Madre Woman's Club, Pasadena Shakespeare Club, Civic Outlook Club of Redondo Beach, Echo Park Mothers' Club of Los Angeles, Woman's Club of San Pedro, Tuesday Club of Glendale.

An event highly gratifying to the people of Huntington Park was the opening of a beautiful Club House with a seating capacity of 1000, January 26. Mrs. A. B. Day, President of the Woman's Improvement Club, had the honor of presiding. The audience filled the spacious auditorium.

The Irwindale Miscellany Club which was organized in 1904 and federated in 1907 has 36 members, the membership being limited because meetings are held at the homes twice monthly, on Tuesday afternoons. The Club was organized by Mrs. Walter Richards, its first President, for neighborhood sociability and literary study, but the past few years have been devoted to philanthropy, the Club members sewing for the Children's Hospital, the Los Angeles Maternity Cottage, the David and Margaret Home and other institutions.

Mrs. Maude T. Thompson, President of the Huntington Park Woman's Club, reports as the purpose of that organization—to promote advancement in all lines of general culture. The first half of the year the Club has devoted its time to a study of Civics, taking up in turn, questions of legislation, new laws, the courts, citizenship.

The Athena Club of Bishop is finding both pleasure and profit this year in pursuing the literary and musical study of the Bible. The leaders each evening serve alphabetically and assign the work—papers, talks, reviews—to different members. Music appropriate to the subject is given and thus the Club has enjoyed some beautiful selections from both opera and oratorio. The year's work will close with a guest program. Members will dress in costume and the program will be original. Mrs. B. E. Sherwin is President and Mrs. Grace G. Luce Secretary.

Mrs. R. H. Young of the Long Beach Ebell Club was appointed Press Chairman for the District Convention.



# **NORTHERN**

By Miss Jennie A. McConnell,  
Press Chairman

The monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Northern District was held at Hotel Sacramento, February 6, with the following officers present: Mrs. A. F. Jones, President; Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice-President; Mrs. C. O. Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Emily Hoppin, Treasurer; Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, State Chairman Club Extension; Mrs. Walter Longbotham, Music; Miss Susan Smith, Library Information and Reciprocity; Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, Legislation; Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Art; Mrs. George Hamilton, Literature; Mrs. C. H. Walsh, History and Landmarks; Mrs. F. W. Quast, Civics; Mrs. C. L. Donahoe, Forestry; Mrs. W. S. Kendall, Waterways; Miss Retta Parrott, District Library Information and Reciprocity; Mrs. George W. McCoy, District Club Extension; Miss Jennie McConnell, Press.

The Chairman of History and Landmarks made a plea for every club to have its committee on California History and Landmarks, and also to have an historical scrap book to contain photographs of persons, and buildings of pioneer days, and facts pertaining to early California history.

The Chairman of Art is featuring the encouragement of intelligent information in connection with the eleven American artists who will exhibit pictures at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and stimulating interest in a traveling art exhibit for the District, for which the nucleus of a subscription is already in existence. The State Chairman of Music told of her work in co-operating with the public schools in her desire to introduce good music. With the growing popularity of the phonograph in the schools, it is possible for children to have some knowledge of good music. Mrs. Longbotham is exceedingly anxious for club women to devote some time to American music.

The Chairman of Forestry reported plans made for the planting of trees

along the roadsides in the town of Wil-  
lows. The Chairman of Club Extension reported several clubs ready to unite with the State Federation.

Mrs. Harbaugh reviewed some of the bills now before the Legislature and there was a general expression that

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women be well informed in regard to matters pertaining to legislation before giving endorsement.

The nominating committee for the District Convention was elected, consisting of Miss Jennie McConnell, Chairman, of Sacramento; Mrs. R. T. Royles, Woodland; Mrs. F. W. Quast, Rocklin; Mrs. R. H. Jones, Marysville; Mrs. H. M. Albery, Colusa.

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### SOUTHERN

**Mrs. Helene M. Deimling, Press Chairman**

Miss Lutie Stearns, Director in the General Federation, recently addressed the Ebell Society of Santa Ana on "What Is Happening in the American Home?" At noon a luncheon was given in her honor, which was attended by Ebell officers, chairmen of committees and leaders of sections.

Mrs. R. F. Garner, prominent San Bernardino club woman and member of the Board of Education, laid the corner stone of the new quarter of a million dollar Polytechnic high school on March 4.

The newly organized Woman's club of Orange recently held a meeting with the vice president, Mrs. Collings, presiding. The officary of the club was completed with the choice of Mrs. W. E. Harper as treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Leach as curator, and the following directorate: Miss Susie L. Scarrett, Mrs. J. E. Parker, Mrs. William Bathgate and Mrs. R. G. Blythe. The Colonial theater will be the permanent meeting place.

The Calipatria Woman's Club recently organized with a charter membership of 35. For a town only eight months old, this speaks volumes. Following is the list of officers: Mrs. Charles W. Brown, president; Miss Martz, vice president; Mrs. C. O. Folk, recording secretary; Mrs. John Ellis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Glenn Witt, auditor.

## Frederick J. Whiffen

**President of the City Council, has announced his candidacy for mayor by issuing the following statement:**

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## THE CLUBWOMAN

### ADVERTISING SECTION

The new club became a member of the Imperial County Federation at the annual meeting, held at Calexico, Feb. 6. With the advent of the Calipatria Club into the Federation, that organization now numbers seven clubs: Ten Thousand Club, El Centro; Brawley Woman's Club, Brawley; Woman's Improvement Club, Calexico; Holtville Study Club, Holtville; Woman's Club, Imperial; Woman's Progress Club, Heber; and Calipatria Woman's Club, Calapatria.

The Hanford Woman's Club gave a rose festival last spring, which proved so successful that it will be repeated this year. This club begins each official year with a banquet for the husbands of its members.

In this day and age the majority of people do not take the trouble to find out things for themselves. Their standards are mostly the standards of their friends and neighbors. If people would stop and ask themselves, "Why," they would often find that they are taking the wrong course with respect to matters of grave importance.

Especially is this true of the ordinary things of every-day life. For instance, how many housewives ever pause to consider the great importance of the laundry question? It is certainly a detail of the household that vitally concerns the health, cleanliness and happiness of the entire family.

Is it not worth while then to thoroughly investigate your laundry, and assure yourself that every sanitary precaution is observed, and that you are receiving the **superior service** to which you are justly entitled? Remember, the New Method invites and courts the fullest investigation.

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The Modesto Woman's Improvement Club has enjoyed its first year of department organization. Each department has been responsible for one monthly program, a sum of money being set aside by the club for the purpose. Some of the best talent in the state has been brought before the club.

The Walnut Club has trained its members during the last year to speak without manuscript. Let others follow suit.

The Dinuba Club distinguished itself by editing one issue of the Dinuba Sentinel, all the work being done by the club women.

The Sylvan Improvement Club, a country club four miles north of Modesto, owns a beautiful bungalow club house, erected on an acreage which is being converted into a park. All-day neighborhood meetings, the naming of all the roads in the vicinity, and a Christmas tree evening, were features of the club work the past year.

### OF Interest to All Women

What could be more interesting to women than a common-sense beauty talk. A gentle reminder that the essential things that make for beauty, that can be applied to the young, the middle-aged and the old, are very few and so simple, that they are often neglected, that it is quite important to mention them. Beauty means a pleasant expression, it means a healthy, active body that expresses wholesomeness certifying to right living and high thinking; it means an interesting and interested attitude toward life; it means fastidious cleanliness and artful care.

While there is much that can be said to the individual, little should be said in a general way on the beauty question for what is good for one may be harmful to another.

The pitiful thing about growing old, far more disfiguring than wrinkles, lines or withered skin is the set mouth, the dropped jaws, flabby neck and loose muscles about the head. These make their appearance long before middle age, and are caused by the tension of the face, neck and throat muscles and can, by scientific facial and neck muscle exercises be prevented and in a large measure overcome, if one knows how to relieve the tension and hold the neck and throat muscles loose, and by knowing and practicing scientific facial, neck and throat muscle exercises. It should not be the aim of the sensible woman to stay the years, but to be improved by them, and unless one cultivates the inner Being and can feel a joy in living, real beauty is never expressed. (Anna Bergeron)



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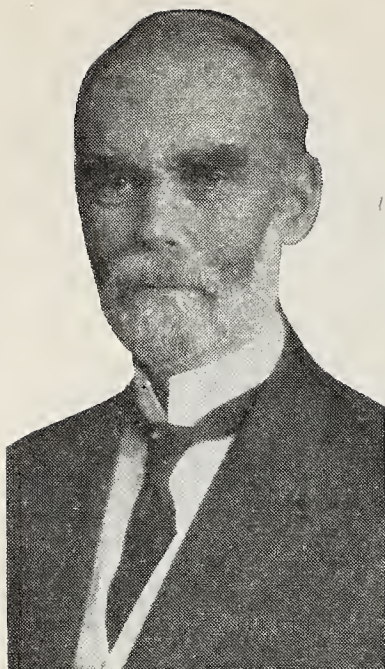
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## Editorial

We approached the editorial side of the Los Angeles District Convention with a sense of triumph in what that convention accomplished; with a feeling of pride toward the hundreds of women who made convention history not just as women but as CITIZENS.

As we go over the ground of the convention we note these women are not "crowding out the beautiful things of life," as the anti-suffragists used to predict, but they are crowding good things into life by being mothers and clubwomen—and not too puny and narrow to be voters and citizens.

It was a keen, clever-brained, level-headed convention, with its sleeves rolled to its elbows, and its hands ready to dip into the muck of Life to bring weak or struggling humanity to a sanitary surface. We have attended conventions more spectacular, but none more fundamental.

To the sensible and earnest executive head and shoulders of that convention,

Mrs. Herbert Arthur Cable, we extend NO sympathy because of a handicap, for it did not handicap; but we do extend loyal praise and voice admiration of the manner in which a convention was handled and swayed through dark glasses.

To the Vice-President, Mrs. D. M. Cate; to the President of the Hostess Club, Mrs. P. S. MacNee; to Mrs. C. A. Wiley, Generalissimo of arrangements, we take off our etymological hats and say, "Perfect."

If we editorialize we take valuable space that justly belongs to the Convention program. We hope our desire to show every particle of that convention in print will prove our appreciation of its splendid totality.

As to the address made by our beloved State President, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, we wish we might quote it in full, for it contained a strong Federation message. Mrs. Palmer, however, speaks without notes, and extemporaneous quotations are inadequate.

### SAN DIEGO WILL ENTERTAIN PRESIDENT

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General Federation President, will open her California visit in San Diego, where she will be entertained by the San Diego County Federation.

The Drama Department of the San Diego club will put on beautiful Epoch dances one evening out of doors at the exposition, in front of the big organ on the Plaza de Panama.

Mrs. Pennybacker will be the guest of the County Federation at their con-

vention one day; and will gain first hand knowledge of the efficiency of the county plan.

Mrs. Pennybacker will be accompanied by Mrs. Alice S. Blout of Dubuque, Iowa. They will leave for Los Angeles May 13, where they will remain until May 15, when clubwomen will leave for San Francisco for the State convention.

Many State Presidents and officers have accepted Mrs. Palmer's invitation to the convention.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Herbert Arthur Cable

To assume the duties of the presiding officer of the Los Angeles District Federation at a time when the work of the District had been carried to such a high state of efficiency, as during the previous administration, and when, because of the new duties and responsibilities that had come to club women as citizens, we were at the beginning of the most important era in the life of our organization, it required a courage that justly would have been termed foolhardy had it not been so entirely unconscious.

It seemed an easy thing to assume the presidency of such an organization, for surely as a Federation we had already arrived, and there was no more difficult and hard work necessary. All of that was in the past and we should only need to dip the oars of our Federation boat in the smooth untroubled surface of our club stream, drift gently from one Reciprocity day to another, avoid a few plainly marked reefs such as "politics" and "endorsements," find in the clear waters a few pearls of friendship; and after many sunny, happy days turn the prow of our craft into another convention harbor, and resign the wheel to another pilot. It was a pretty dream and much of it has been realized.

The ports of call afforded by our Reciprocity days have never been more delightful, and the Federation spirit so manifest on every occasion has been the greatest inspiration and encouragement. Some few islands fair to the distant view have proved to be reefs, with strong eddies and rocks, but the pearls of friendship have been true, and what a delight it has been to find them—not always where we fished for them, but in unexpected and unexplored places. But very soon we realized that the law of Federation, as the law of Life, is progress. In order to justify our Federation, its aims and purposes, we must progress.

You have heard the reports of your

district officers. They have told you very briefly of their work, but they have not told you of their loyalty, their devotion to the Federation, their faithfulness to duty and their spirit of service. Neither power, nor place, nor position could recompense these women for what they are giving to this Federation movement.

No one could ask for a better or more efficient board. We cannot express in words our full appreciation of the way in which they have aided the work of the district and of the zeal and loyalty with which they have served. We are grateful to the clubs which have furnished these chairmen.

There has been a prevailing idea in Clubdom that the office of Vice-President in our organization was purely one of honor and good will. It always seemed to me a waste of good material so to consider that office; besides, I was convinced that the more the Vice-President could be persuaded to do, the less the President would need to do.

We are sure that Mrs. Cate is convinced that the only honor the position has offered has been the honor of work well done. It means a great deal to a president to have a vice-president who is broad-minded, with ideas of her own, and perfectly capable herself of being a leader, yet who will say, "Just tell me what you want me to do and I will do my best."

Two things we want to call to your attention, first, the monthly department conferences which have been held by the various chairmen. We believe that as the result of the conferences the work of Federation is better known and better understood by the average club woman. We believe that much of the success of future Federation work lies in these conferences, for the time has come when our work and our ideals and purposes must be generally understood in order to insure that co-operation of work in club and district which will bring from varied and

individual work on a small scale a concentration of effort that will insure large and permanent results.

The other achievement this year has been the determination to give to the clubs of the district that greater and more democratic part in the Federation by allowing them to choose for themselves the officers who shall represent them and serve them; for as all the success of this organization is expressed in the two words, personal service, any accomplishment must be expressed by the two words, personal responsibility. Whether or not this method by which the responsibility is transferred to you is the best method, the result will not be judged by the method, but by your acceptance of the responsibility.

Some 13,000 strong we stand today with an organization that can reach to 125 clubs in less than a week's time; with an inheritance of ideas which represent the hopes and ambitions of every woman's heart that has thrilled to the call to service since a mother first saw in another an object for service; with privileges and opportunities for the exercise of the full strength of our womanhood, such as has been given to but few women in the world today—we might say standing in the forefront of the women of the world, with every privilege, every opportunity our womanhood has craved and struggled for, ours to exercise. Do we realize that this power means responsibility?

Do we realize that by our vacillating fear and inaction we are in danger of despoiling our heritage? We have heard a cry of "politics" in the Federation. What does it mean? If it means that we are organized finally to enforce some of the ideals for which we have been striving for generations, that now we have a weapon in our hands, we will interpret politics to mean government, and good government only; that we will stand for principle in party, honesty in public officials, truth in platforms, humanity in government, then welcome politics in the Federation.

But if at the first call to action we scatter in fear, break ranks in distress, and flee from responsibility, then we ourselves are the traitors to our own high duty. No one can use us unless we want to be used. What a false alarm this is, designed to cripple our power and annul our high prerogative by desuetude.

Let us awake and, having our loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith to withstand all the fiery darts of the wicked, and taking unto us the whole armor of God, nothing can withstand us when we stand.

Each officer in this Federation, each woman in this army of club women, should constitute herself a sentinel guarding our ranks and defending our honor. Then, with everyone of us alive to our responsibilities and duties, standing in the full strength of our womanhood, our motherhood, our sisterhood for the good, the true, and the ideals which woman has ever interpreted to the world, let us take action—wise, action, constructive action, fearless action.

Shoulder to shoulder, side by side, united in purpose and strong in conviction, we shall constitute our own defense and vindicate our claims upon humanity.

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Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, District President, accorded the honors and courtesies of the chair to the State President, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, at the Wednesday morning session; and to the State Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Mushet at the Presidents' council and general assembly, Tuesday afternoon; Mrs. D. M. Cate, District Vice-President, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Cable presided the remainder of the convention. ,

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Venice Woman's club is specializing in civics and has proved its utility to its home city in many ways.



## CONVENTION KEYNOTE—DEMOCRACY

Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, District Press Chairman

As a district convention it has had no peer! Such was the general verdict. Hotel Virginia was a royal setting for a body of up-to-date club women in pretty frocks and fresh, beflowered spring hats; a charming background for the scores of young girls, daintily gowned, who flitted about as pages, doing all kinds of kindly services for the guests. Moreover, both clubwomen and pages were arrayed in their most engaging manners, without which pretty clothes would have counted for nothing.

Every one of the five counties of the district was well represented. It was a convention enthusiastic in spirit, charming in its atmosphere of cheer and good will. It cannot fail to be far-reaching in influence.

The days were strenuous, to be sure. A strict account had to be given of each golden moment, yet business was pursued with extraordinary composure, though seldom to the point of weariness. And—let this be spoken very low—there were "oodles" of fun in odd moments, even though the wee sma' hours had to be drawn upon to furnish it.

Naturally, it had required generalship of a high order in those rush days preceding the opening. Strong pickets there were at every outpost. Military directness and precision marked every move. As is customary on entering an engagement, the entire field had been closely scanned. Every detail had been thought out in advance by officers and their aides. Fortunately, the working forces, military and otherwise, were bound together by a strong cable.

A feature of the convention was its fine democratic spirit. It forced the conclusion that the representative clubwoman is at heart a democrat—using the word in its broadest significance. If she ever had a tendency to be exclusive, club life has taken all such foolishness away, making her broadly sympathetic, approachable, sisterly in her

attitude to others. In this regard the twenty-five years of club life in this country have almost revolutionized society. It was a pleasure to sit quietly by and observe the spirit of frank friendliness with which greetings were exchanged. No lines between officers and laymen, between country and city delegates, between entertainers and entertained.

Few topics were left untouched. The problems of Federation presented briefly by twenty-four district chairmen, sounded the keynote; and concise reports from 125 clubs of the district gave one an overwhelming sense of the magnitude and the variety of work undertaken by the indomitable club spirit.

"It's amazing how well these women talk," a gentleman occupying a rear seat remarked. One wonders continually in what school they got their training. Why, they speak with as much ease and fearlessness as if they were seated at their own firesides." It is true, the speeches were uniformly good, there was no straining for effect, and there was comparatively little complaint of being unable to hear. It now rests with the State Federation to show how the Los Angeles District Convention can be improved upon.

Speaking of her re-election to the President's chair, Los Angeles District, Mrs. Herbert Arthur Cable, said:

"A year ago I told you I appreciated the honor I experienced by your electing me to be at the head of this organization. Then I thought I knew something of the responsibility. Today my sense of the honor is greater; my appreciation of the responsibilities and opportunities is deeper; my conception of purpose still large and service greater. Conscious of inaccuracies, I can only promise the service of a heart full of gratitude and determination to carry forward our ideals.

## SPEECHES TYPIFY FEDERATION SPIRIT

Mrs. Artilissa D. Clark, District Chairman of Philanthropy, gave a report of her department, that not only told the good work done; but it was clever and original. The preface follows:

Centuries ago, on the banks of the Nile, in the concealment of the rushes, floated a rude basket, holding, safe from the threat of the wicked Pharaoh, a sweet baby boy. The watchful eyes of the elder sister discovered the gracious princess at whose command the little ark was drawn from the water. With sisterly tact and devotion she suggests a nurse, the princess acquiesces, and as with joy, the mother clasps her darling to her breast, there was formed the first Federated woman's movement on record. It was the first woman's club. It was international, Egyptian and Hebrew. As the first work undertaken was that of service and mutual helpfulness, the first department was Philanthropy.

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Mrs. Malone Joyce, district chairman of Education, briefly outlined the work of her department, which is centralizing to make the economic condition of the child such that he may find it possible to take advantage of the means of education. She urged more support from clubwomen to the child-labor scholarship fund, stating that more funds were needed to pay \$3 a week toward the support of children so that the mother might stay in the home and care for the children and that they might be made more or less economically independent to attend school.

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Mrs. L. B. Hogue, district treasurer, had an unprecedented report, in that every club in the district had paid its dues prior to the convention opening. Mrs. Hogue is serving most efficiently in her capacity, and is one of the best known of Ventura women.

Mrs. J. J. Steadman, district chairman of the University Club House Loan Fund, said: "After a trial of eleven years, the Club House is declared to be the best system yet devised for housing women students at the University. Its popularity is growing, as its practicability has been made apparent as the number of students has increased.

"The appeal for assistance has been urgent, and to meet in part this demand the Federated Clubs have been invited to contribute. Money donated by clubs is taken in charge by a special committee at the University and applied to the needs of deserving girls who wish to be aided to obtain an education through the community housing plan. The money is continually kept in operation that it may assist the greatest number."

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Mrs. Charles Robinson, district chairman of Forestry, introduced Mrs. Foster Elliot, state chairman, who explained forestry bills before this session of the legislature and urged clubwomen to support Senate Bill 348, tending to prevention of forest fires; also three bills grown out of work of Placerville clubwomen and which shall prevent the destruction of trees along the Lincoln Highway; and the bill making appropriation for building a trail through the high Sierras in honor of John Muir.

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Mrs. Edward Winterer, district chairman of Literature, gave one of the most complete and interesting papers of the convention, on California Literature. She created a new inspirational interest in the work of California writers, calling them by name and telling of some creative work which had made their names known to the world. The paper was not only a report, but was clever and original in theme.

In her talk on the Legislative Council of Women, Mrs. Seward A. Simons, district chairman of Legislation, urged that the women give the legislators at Sacramento an expression of their desired contributions to the legislative work of the state. It is the expressed policy to endorse such bills through this Council that are of especial interest to women.

"The education of public opinion that will demand the enforcement of these laws is the greatest contribution we as women can make to the political life—an intelligent, informed public opinion." Mrs. Simons spoke in favor of the Birth Registration, Home Teachers, Child Labor, Women as Jurors, and the Compulsory Education bills, all endorsed by the Legislative Council.

In the absence of Miss Emily Morrison, district chairman of Home Economics, her paper, "Home-Making, a Profession," was read by Mrs. James M. Tanner. Excerpts from this paper follow:

"Efficiency is used in business and the professions, but the home has not come up to specifications in this matter. There would be many illnesses preventable, and many sanitary improvements possible, if fathers and mothers were educated in matters of home economics and the care of children. Homekeeping is the greatest of all professions and the finest and most worth-while thing that can be done for the home is to put science in the art of home-making."

Mrs. Carlton Seaver, district chairman of History and Landmarks, gave a series of exquisite word pictures on Our Heritage, urging clubwomen to study their own natural landmarks and eternal monuments of California; to become acquainted with the stone cathedrals of the mountains, the Spanish architecture, the painters, and to aid in preserving the musical Spanish names in which California so abounds.

Mrs. Ella Hamilton Durley, district chairman Press, gave a clever talk on the value of the press to the club work, and urged the necessity of co-operation between the club and the press, that the latter might use its highest powers of dissemination of Federation news. She spoke in behalf of *The Clubwoman*, the official organ of the Federation, and urged clubwomen to subscribe to the magazine, that they might be brought in contact with all Federation news and events. If every one of 33,000 women would subscribe, the magazine could be made of great benefit.

Dr. Maude Wilde, district chairman Health, in her plea to clubwomen to give their centralized support to the Birth Registration bill, or the Model Law stated, our obligation to the child should give him the right to be a citizen with full knowledge of his birth-right.

"Corrective legislation is our privilege and our duty. We must change our laws so that we may prevent the death of 300,000 babies a year. The new law will require birth registration within thirty-six hours, will facilitate careful registration, as a penalty is provided for non-observance of the law, and double registration of still-born infants is made compulsory.

Mrs. Edwin R. Brainerd, district chairman of Waters, introduced Miss Lloy Galpin to speak on Flood Control. "The question of flood control is not a question of water conservation. It is a matter of property conservation. Putting the water to use would be water conservation. When we ask for the appropriation of public money we should see that the public is benefited instead of private interests. Private individuals cannot afford to spend money for flood control, so why should public money be used to benefit a special district?"



Mrs. C. H. Ritchie, district chairman of Civics, delivered an interesting talk, *The City Beautiful*, on "the gospel of Civics according to the epistle of the state chairman." "We must study the laws of our cities, and if they are good enforce them; if bad, abolish them; clean the cities, then plan to keep them clean; co-operate with all organizations, especially with school children through the teachers.

"The more playgrounds we have, the less number of juvenile courts shall we need. Have a juvenile court committee in your town and club. Beware of the creeping in of the slums."

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In speaking of *Children in Industry*, Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe, district chairman of Social and Industrial Conditions, made the prophetic statement that "if every adult was given a living wage, there would never be children in industry. Every child born into the world has a right to be properly born. No child is safe so long as any one child is unsafe."

She urged women to work against commercialized child labor, sweatshops and conditions which do not insure opportunity for health and fair opportunities.

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Mrs. Frank Caldwell, district historian, gave an interesting paper reciting the aims, ideals and events and progress in the club life of the district. Her report shows how the spirit of Federation has permeated every corner of club life, how it has fostered progress, and how it has set the pace of inspiration for so many clubs now engaged in serious constructive work.

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Mrs. Florence Schonneman, district chairman of Emblem, was one of the busiest women at the convention, and through her efforts more than 60 women went home wearing their Federation pin. Mrs. Schonneman very cleverly advertised the pins by wearing a long breast badge on which were at least 20 pins. No one passed her emblem-less.

Mrs. Adelaide Brewer, chairman of Reciprocity and Library Information, says her department is one the scope of which, with co-operation, may become a useful factor in club life. "We want you to arrange your days through this department. But in our zeal to have the greatest day of our club year do not overdo. Two things keep constantly in mind when planning your day—simple luncheons and short programs.

"Be neighborly. A report from the Whittier Woman's Club says one of their ideas of Reciprocity is neighborliness. If you have planned a program that is too good to keep, as most of them are, have members from a neighbor club enjoy it with you, and remember to send a good paper that you had that day to this bureau that we may know about it.

"Library Information is new work in the department—pioneering. Clubs have used it, and, we hope, to their advantage. Any time any club wants information we will gladly get it, or any references for reading and study along special lines that you ask for. Visit your library. If you live in the country, co-operate with your county librarian. File your programs with the librarian."

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The Necrology report for Los Angeles District, Mrs. E. P. Foster, chairman, was framed and placed where members of the convention might pay silent tribute. Necrology is the only department in Federation that does not like to make a report.

Thirty-three clubs have lost a total of 75 members this year; 52 clubs have reported no deaths, and 29 clubs made no report. The Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles lost the greatest number, totaling 20 members. All clubs have joined in sorrowing for Madame Caroline Severance, not only in the district but throughout the state.

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Sierra Madre Woman's club has civics, health, art, music, book, social service, child welfare, history and landmarks sections.

Mrs. W. A. Galentine, state chairman Civil Service Reform, spoke briefly on state and municipal farms, for Mrs. Elizabeth Baker Bohan, district chairman, who was ill. She says our main attempt must be to decrease the crop of criminals which our prison system has tended to increase in the past.

She explained the bill providing for a state farm for prisoners and the establishment of the pay system so that dependent families of those in prison may receive help. The farm would be under the control and management of the state board of prison directors.

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Mrs. Frank Stephens, district chairman of Peace, spoke pointedly: "Those against us in this peace movement are the world powers whose life business is war, those who make war implements, the camp followers and the Wall Street brokers. Who have we on our side? Every thinker, every mother in the land. We must mobilize our intellectual forces. We do not battle with material weapons, but we must educate ourselves and then educate public opinion. We must manufacture the majorities for tomorrow."

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Mrs. T. M. Walker, district chairman of Art, in her talk on Practical Art Study made a plea for loan exhibits in art from clubwomen who possess art treasures in their homes. She also encouraged clubs to invite other clubs to their fine arts exhibits. She told in a most interesting way of the splendid exhibits now being held by clubs throughout the district. Long Beach Ebell showed fine exhibits during the convention.

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The convention voted that the President should appoint a committee of three to present next year an entire revision of constitution and by-laws, on motion of Mrs. Harry J. Slater.

## BOARD HEARS REPORTS

Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, State President, held a Los Angeles board meeting March 18 for special reports and discussions of the revision of by-laws committee, of which Mrs. Calvin Hartwell is chairman, and the redistricting committee, of which Mrs. Henry DeNyse is chairman.

Both reports were approved for presentation to the State Convention in May, and were exceptionally good; and while members did not agree to everything outlined, it was only in minor points that they differed. The plans cannot be accepted or rejected by the state board, but must go to the convention assembled for final adoption.

When the board voted its appreciation of the work done by the by-laws committee, Mrs. Hartwell said: "We have tried to work for the ultimate good of the Federation, and we have enjoyed it because it brought to us an understanding of the vital interests of Federation work."

Mrs. C. C. Arnold, History and Landmarks, has succeeded in getting the Federal Government to repair and restore the historic old lighthouse at Point Loma. The plan was to raze the lighthouse and place a modern monument there. Mrs. Arnold's idea to have stone cairns placed at the cross-roads along the Old Immigrant Trail was endorsed; also the idea to place a stone monument where Fremont and Pico signed the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Mexico.

On advice of Mrs. Foster Elliot, Forestry, the Federation will oppose Senate Bill 1408, which takes the protection from meadow larks, robins and blackbirds. The board endorsed the new Community Property Law, Assembly Bill 42. Mrs. E. G. Greene, Waterways, asked for ten delegates from the Federation for the Inland Waterways Congress.

Mrs. F. J. Mueller of Corona is the new Commissioner of Good Roads. She hopes that the Federation will plant a "Memorial Mile of Trees" to encourage tree planting along the highways.

## DEPARTMENTAL WORK DONE BY CLUBS

[Excerpts of Reports Received by Department Chairman from Individual Clubs, Presented by Mrs. D. M. Cate, Vice-President. General Club Reports Not Included, Such Being Given by Presidents or Delegates.]

### Home Economics, Miss Emily Morrison

The aim of the Home Economics Department is the promotion of efficiency in the management of the home. As there is a dearth of material for reference and study in the small towns and country districts, the suggestion has been made that effort be put forth to establish a Circulating Home Economics Library. The plan is for each club to donate a book to the small collection already used; that the library be in charge of the State Chairman and directly accessible to every club in the state.

Downey Saturday Afternoon Club gave an exhibition and demonstration of labor-saving devices; Santa Barbara Woman's Club was the guest of the Santa Barbara Normal School Faculty, and learned much from a dietetic exhibition prepared by students; Long Beach Ebells Section, organized ten years ago, has 60 members, has ten programs a year, loans its papers to other clubs, and will send speakers.

### Social and Industrial Conditions, Mrs. Frank Wolfe

This department must be closely connected with that of Legislation, because to better conditions it is necessary not only to get proper laws by which to govern, but also to compel the enforcement of existing laws. As all of our work is a matter of education, the department has presented this subject before as many clubs as possible. The State Chairman is doing wonderful work at the legislature to secure passage of a new child labor law.

### Public Health, Dr. Maud Wilde

The birth registration list shows that only 58 per cent of the births are registered, and in 15 per cent of these the child's name does not appear.

There is a need for more efficient methods and laws for birth registration, more health inspectors, especially in Los Angeles; need for rural nurses.

Health talks have been given to women in industry on such topics as First Aid to the Injured, What to Do in Emergency, Prevention of Disease, Sanitation and Hygiene, Social and Personal Hygiene, Indiscriminate Use of Habit-forming Agents, Care of Eyes and Throat.

### Legislation, Mrs. Seward A. Simons

The most important work of the year was the educational effort during the 1914 campaign for the non-partisan measures on the ballot. Due to this effort, is the fact that both women and men were able to cast a more intelligent ballot than ever before. The department is now engaged in an educational campaign before clubs on measures now before the legislature relating to women and children.

### Country Life, Mrs. Howard S. Trotter

Twenty-seven clubs have reported activity along country life development. Bishop, Van Nuys and Compton clubs have established public rest rooms, seven clubs have opened libraries, and all report good work in planting and beautifying highways. Compton reports having secured an ordinance that compels the care of vacant lots.

### Club Extension, Mrs. D. M. Cate, Mrs. L. C. Holt, Mrs. W. E. Goodyear

Club Extension has unearthed 36 unfederated clubs with the assistance of Federation enthusiasts. The plan of campaign has been: To federated clubs—The History of Federation and the organization or running machinery of Federation; to unfederated clubs—a talk on "What is Federation, and why you should enter it"; and to some discouraged and worn out by dependence on self alone, a talk on the Vital Forces in Club Work. Fourteen clubs have Federated this year. (List elsewhere.)



**Philanthropy, Mrs. Artillissa Clark**

To the Philanthropy department only 27 clubs reported. Activities lie not only in exhaustible charity relief work, but care of the sick, co-operation with the court, in cases of juvenile delinquency, securing of big brothers for boys, use of club houses for local charities, co-operation with educational committees in settlement work, and advising and establishing working policies.

**Peace, Mrs. Frank Stephens**

Great interest and enthusiasm are manifest among the clubs in the campaign of education to mold public opinion toward a demand for fair play, friendliness and justice in international affairs. The Gardena Progressive conducted a successful prize essay contest. Resolutions against militarism and excessive armaments have been widely endorsed.

**Forestry, Mrs. Charles Robinson**

The principal work is legislative. The department will continue its work for a new non-sale of game law, and the fire prevention bill, a means to which is the effort to get the Angelus forest declared a game refuge for five years. The department employs the use of slides and photos loaned by the United States Forest Service to show actual forest conditions.

**Literature, Mrs. Edward Winterer**

The Wednesday Morning Club, Los Angeles, has a Shakespeare Section, from which club members may be graduated by studying 16 plays with a written paper on each; a Dickens section; a Book and Conversation section. Glendale and Hollywood have library programs; Hollywood has a Drama and Shakespeare section. The Shakespeare section of Pasadena Shakespeare Club has a membership of 200. College Woman's Club is studying contemporary drama. The section has promised to support the Civic Repertory Company, acting as sponsor to the bill it will present in April. Long Beach Ebell has a department of Literature, 30 members studying the drama, and 20 studying the Chautauqua course of four years.

**Art, Mrs. T. M. Walker**

The growth of the Art Department in the district has been so great that the work calls for more than the time of one chairman. The clubs are doing practical work for their members, holding many exhibits and arranging to have these exhibits open to the public. The Friday Morning Club, the Shakespeare Club, South Pasadena Club, Hollywood Club and the College Woman's Club, owing to their large membership, have held the greatest number of exhibits.

**Music, Carrie Stone Freeman**

The Music Department has tried to carry out the educational idea in all of its work, hence the lecture-recital has been freely advocated. The department has made it a point to advocate a respectful hearing for music, and the abatement of the encore nuisance. The section has been invited to participate in the program of the American Music Convention in Los Angeles in June.

Harmonia Club is fostering a Music School Settlement Association. Matinee Musical Club has two new departments, Drama and a Composers Creative section, with Miss Fannie Dillon as head. This club awards medals for the best original composition in song, piano or string instrument.

**Historian, Mrs. Frank Caldwell**

In response to the department's call for club history, 95 clubs have sent written histories, which are on file in this department.

**Waters, Mrs. E. R. Brainerd**

There are two uses to which water may be put—to domestic use to sustain life, and to navigation, power development or to irrigation to produce revenue. Water for domestic use should be sold as cheaply as is compatible with efficient service. The great conservation problem is in connection with revenue-producing uses of water. Conserved conservation is putting a resource not simply to a beneficial use, but to the most beneficial use to be found. The only way to find a fair answer is to determine which use will produce the most benefit to the most people for the longest time.

**Press, Ella H. Durley**

The year has been devoted to an effort to bring the club and the press, particularly the Federation Press, into closer and more harmonious relations, that they may be of mutual service, since the press needs the co-operation of the club quite as much as the club requires the influence of the press.

**History and Landmarks, Mrs. Carlton Seaver**

Clubs which have reported giving one day to California History are Laurel Canyon Woman's Club, Irwindale Miscellany Club of Covina, Wednesday Morning Club, Los Angeles; Mary Williams Club of Avalon, Pomona Ebelle, the California Chapter of Colorado Cliff Dwellings Association, the Travel Club of Los Angeles.

**Library Information and Reciprocity Mrs. Adelaide Brewer**

The department has arranged for 24 reciprocity days: Santa Monica Bay Woman's, Whittier Woman's, Downey Saturday Afternoon, Montebello Woman's, Eagle Rock Twentieth Century, Friday Morning, Southern California Woman's Press, San Pedro Woman's, Van Nuys Woman's, Los Angeles Cosmos, Pasadena Shakespeare, Echo Park Mother's, Sawtelle Woman's, Glendale Tuesday Afternoon, Rosecrans, Averill Study, W. A. R. M. A., Long Beach College Woman's, Covina Monday Afternoon, Azusa Woman's, Boyle Heights Entre Nous, and Pasadena Study clubs.

**Political Science, Mrs. Mattison Jones**

Three full programs have been given to Compton Pathfinders, Long Beach Woman's City Club and Downey Saturday Afternoon Club, Reciprocity short talks at Van Nuys and Sierra Madre; future programs at Matinee Musical, Gardena Progressive, and Montebello.

**Parliamentary, Mrs. I. W. Gleason**

Reported by 15 clubs. Woman's City Club of Long Beach shows the best work in studying parliamentary law, using 46 books on parliamentary study. Eight clubs have held contests.

**Education, Mrs. Malone Joyce**

Ebelle and Friday Morning Clubs, Los Angeles, are continuing their subscription to the scholarship fund. Boyle Heights Entre Nous gave \$3 to the same fund, and the Cosmos Club will contribute later. College Woman's Club, Los Angeles, supports a loan fund of \$300 and has a protegee at California University, and intends helping others as rapidly as finances will admit. Long Beach Ebelle and Laurel Canyon Woman's Club have held interesting educational programs.

**University Club House Loan Fund, Mrs. J. J. Steadman**

From December, 1914, to March 1, 1915, ten clubs have contributed \$39.20 to the fund.

**CONVENTION MUSIC ARTISTIC**

Convention music was a special feature of the program under the direction of Mrs. Carrie Stone Freeman, district chairman. There was a splendid concert given Wednesday evening in the ballroom of Hotel Virginia, featuring American composers; interpretations by artists from the Woman's Orchestra, Los Angeles Matinee Musical club, Schubert club, Woman's Music Study club of Long Beach, Los Angeles Harmonia club and Santa Barbara Music Study club.

A vesper organ recital was given Thursday afternoon at First Congregational church, and a musical program Tuesday evening under the auspices of the hostess club, the Long Beach Ebelle. A special reading of "Enoch Arden" by Rev. Henry Kendall Booth, with special music setting by Strauss, and played by Miss Laurelle Chase, was given Wednesday afternoon in compliment to the new clubs.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, first President of the California Federation, gave greetings at the Wednesday afternoon session, giving in a clever way a resume of the history of the early days of Federation in California.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Since our last letter to The Clubwoman it has been our privilege to address the Alameda, Los Angeles and Northern District conventions, and to address two large reciprocity meetings in the San Joaquin Valley District. We greatly appreciated the efforts of the women of Tulare and Fresno in arranging these last two meetings, inasmuch as we were prevented from attending the San Joaquin Valley District Convention by serious illness and bad weather.

Two other notable days were greatly enjoyed—March 6, when we were the guest of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club at a Reciprocity luncheon and special meeting, which gave us the opportunity of meeting the presidents of many Federated clubs of Santa Barbara county; and March 17, when the Wednesday Club of Alhambra entertained the members of the State and Los Angeles District Executive boards at luncheon and let us enjoy with them the delightful reciprocity of a Daughters' day program.

The Wednesday Club of Alhambra is to be congratulated, for at this meeting it was clearly demonstrated that in the hands of these fair daughters, who tomorrow will be the clubwomen of Alhambra, the future of the Wednesday Club is safe and sure.

It would be pleasant and profitable, if space permitted, to speak of the inspiration and satisfaction we have felt in each and every club visit we have made this year. Not one, but all, merit special mention. It has been a joy to pay these visits, and our whole life has been enriched by the friendship of the splendid women of these clubs.

The work of the California Federation has been splendidly reported in each of the six District Conventions, and we anticipate with satisfaction the wonderful TOTALS when the final summing up is made at the State Convention in San Francisco May 17-22. We have reached the last lap of the year's work and feel the joy that comes when we MEASURE PROGRESS

gained by CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT. Let every club have full representation in that convention to share the satisfaction that belongs to all, and to plan better methods and wiser measures for the year to come.

Yours sincerely,  
LILLIAN PRAY-PALMER.

## BY-LAWS UNANIMOUS

The new election by-law for the Los Angeles District was passed without a dissenting vote in convention assembled, and Mrs. George Monroe, Mrs. Harry J. Slater and Miss Lloy Galpin, the efficient revision committee, are being congratulated by a host of clubwomen who feel that the district has been "emancipated from autocracy and that the new method of electing officers will make for a new Federation democracy."

It was rumored that there would be keen opposition to this new procedure because of the fact that there were women who felt that the former method had always proved satisfactory. The new method places the power of nominations in the hands of the clubs themselves and does away with a nominating committee. The plan, briefly, follows:

Officers of the district and members of the state nominating and credential committees shall be nominated directly by clubs. There will be an election board of five members who will choose their own chairman and no member of which shall be of the executive board; and each club shall have the privilege of stating its preference for candidates for all offices.

If a full ticket is not secured then the election board will fill it. All nominees must receive the endorsement of at least five clubs. Voters will be given a first, second and third choice for each office, and are so privileged to mark their ballot. Nominees receiving a majority of first choice votes will be declared elected; and if there is no majority then a canvass of second choice, and if necessary third choice votes, will be made.



## CIVIC ACTIVITIES IN CLUBS

By Mrs. C. H. Ritchie, District Chairman of Civics

Pasadena Shakespeare Club joined other Pasadena clubs in a clean-up day, is making effort to abolish billboards and real estate signs. Montebello Club maintains county library, working for uniform tree planting. Los Angeles Business Woman's Civic League, Civic education of members. Ventura Wednesday Afternoon Club distributed poppy seed for Ventura County beautiful.

Poinsettia of Saticoy acquired ground for park purposes, beautifying school rooms, grounds, and tree planting. Long Beach Ebells aids "city beautiful" efforts. Paso Robles contributed toward purchase and planting of street trees. Santa Barbara Woman's Club aided P.-T. A. in a "Better Babies" campaign.

Woman's Improvement Association, South Pasadena, assisted in cleaning vacant lots, investigated milk supply and the movies, endorsed child labor bills. Woman's Improvement Club of Bishop, uniform tree planting; playgrounds, drinking fountain in school grounds. Pico Heights Book Club working for a park.

Compton Pathfinders, clean-up day, improvement of club house grounds, public comfort station, tree planting. Laurel Canyon persuaded the county commissioners to straighten the canyon road and plant it with 175 rose bushes, and with the Hollywood Club is working for the extension of Hollywood Boulevard to the canyon.

Rosecrans gave money to Echo Park playground, and is interested in Coleman House. Highland Park Ebells is a member of Juvenile Protective Association and works for city beautiful. Pio Pico has installed a county library at the Ranchito school house, and established a playground.

Pacoima Club fitted up a reading room for working men, has a hall and a piano for their meetings, and gives use of same to the young people of the district. Glendale Tuesday Afternoon has planted trees on two auto roads

through their city, had a clean-up day, secured appointment of more police. Hollywood Woman's Club helps in all civic work in their community. Oxnard Monday Club takes active interest in all public welfare work, and gave \$75 to the playground.

Gardena Progressive has beautified its club house grounds and is working for all civic betterments. Los Angeles Wednesday Morning took active part in billboard agitation and municipal band question. Sierra Madre Woman's Club works for a clean city and uniform tree planting.

Van Nuys Woman's Club has opened a rest room in the old P. E. station, planting the grounds, has planted all vacant lots; sees that back yards and alleys are kept clean. Cudahy Ranch Alpha Club has worked to beautify school grounds.

Monrovia Woman's Club has worked especially to clean up the Mexican quarter, and to have a compulsory fumigation of houses where there have been tubercular cases. Tropico Tuesday Afternoon has contributed to the drinking fountain and secured the appointment of a humane officer for their district.

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Van Nuys Woman's club is organizing a woman's chorus of 15 members from its own city. This club is in a flourishing condition.

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Wednesday Morning club, Los Angeles, contemplates furnishing a room in the new Florence Crittendon Home; has entertained 200 children from Coleman House.

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Tropico Thursday Afternoon club is working along Federation sectional lines, has bought a lot for \$1500 and has installed a drinking fountain costing \$150.

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Fortnightly Club of Moorpark claims to be the tiniest "baby" of Federation, and is studying the literature of countries. This club is well on its way toward club success.

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Bellflower Mary Arden club of twelve members has been in Federation one month. It studies Shakespeare and has most interesting programs.

## STATE RE-DISTRICTING Mrs. Henry DeNyse

Under the proposed County Federation plan there would be the usual executive officers, and in place of six District Presidents there would be six Directors, 59 board members, each a County President. The State President-elect would be the member-at-large.

The County Federations to be responsible to the state organization as the District Federations now are. Each County President to be a voting board member. Each county to have an executive board and Federation Department Chairman, as is now done in the six districts.

The district boundaries to be retained as now, but instead of maintaining a district board and Federation department, there shall be elected from each of the six districts one director, who will call District Councils through County Presidents when advisable. This director to attend County Federation meetings and club meetings when possible and generally promote Federation interests. Each director to be apportioned not less than \$50 each year from state funds to promote general work of her district.

State department chairmen to contact Federated clubs direct.

State Corresponding Secretary to contact clubs direct for state year book for speed, accuracy and general efficiency.

The executive board to meet regularly once a month at the call of the President, at least two meetings each year to be held in San Francisco and two in Los Angeles. The executive board would not be too large if all members attended, but would mean representation from all over the state and a real action of the California Federation.

In counties where there are no clubs the State President, with the approval of the board, will appoint a County Chairman or President, whose duty it will be to organize and federate clubs and groups of women throughout her county.

The annual state meeting to be held in October. The President-elect to become immediately a voting member of the executive board and to be called a "member-at-large."

All officers to assume duties July 1 following election at annual meeting. Fiscal year to begin July 1.

Annual year book to be issued by the retiring President and board. State dues 10 cents per capita, due and payable at the beginning of the fiscal year, delinquent April 1. County Federation dues shall be 5 cents per capita, or more, as decided by the counties themselves.

Each county should have the full 22 departments. The expense of handling the work through county organizations will be minimized because of the close personal touch of the County President with her members.

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## RESOLUTIONS FEW

The Resolutions Committee, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, chairman, were not deluged with resolutions, as seems the usual custom at conventions. On the contrary, only four were presented outside of the regular courtesies resolutions.

These were: Endorsement of building a \$10,000 John Muir trail in the High Sierras (majority); approval of the \$50,000 Caroline Severance State Endowment Fund (unanimous); request to the University of California that half the appropriation through the Smith-Lever Bill be made to farm women through farm centers (unanimous); and disapproval of movement to introduce military training into the schools (unanimous).

The courtesies resolution were an expression of appreciation to the Long Beach Ebell, convention hostess, chairmen of committees, and to the press for their work to make the convention a success.

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Santa Paula Ebell is working for a club house. It has done considerable philanthropic work together with its other sectional activities in Federation departments.

**APPLIED POLITICS****Mrs. Mattison Jones***(Excerpts Convention Paper)*

When we, as women, realize that all political reforms should work for the betterment of conditions which either directly or indirectly affect the home, and when we learn how to secure these reforms, then we shall see the efficient voting which is the only effective moralizer of politics.

In the past few years an organization of tremendous political power has come into existence, consisting of over one million Federated clubwomen. A wonderful power, if used rightly! From the little isolated Federated club, through the entire district, state and General Federation, many of the same problems are reviewed and studied in an almost endless chain. Over 30,000 of these Federated sisters are our own California women, who may not only study these same issues, but vote upon them as well.

Ask yourself if your vote will aid in securing protection for working women, or in securing pure food, or in diminishing the cost of living, or in the abolishment of child labor, liquor traffic and prostitution. These things may not directly concern your home, but they do affect some other woman's home.

As club members and home-makers we should be proud of our politics; and when we can regard our politics and our religion as safe to be taken in the same dose, then we shall have no need to fear the word "politics."

The training of citizens to decide intelligently into whose hands the government power may be safely placed in order to secure the prosperity, peace and safety of our nation, as well as guard the threshold of our homes, is one of the greatest honors which our Federation can boast.

Politics in our Federation? Yes, a thousand times! A "new politics"—politics women are not ashamed to stand for and work for—politics which spell reform rather than partisanship, when things will succeed because they

are right, rather than because of the political wire-pulling methods of the past—politics which spell peace.

Above all, let not our Federation be made a tool for partisan schemes. Let us be "wise as serpents, but harmless as doves." Let us not be looked upon as office-seekers; rather let the office seek the woman.

**NEW CLUBS IN DISTRICT**

Mrs. Lloyd Harmon, District recording secretary, considered one of the prettiest women in the Los Angeles District, presented the presidents of the new clubs to the convention at the Wednesday afternoon session. These sixteen new clubs are alive and flourishing, and will not only receive great benefits from Federation, but Federation will contain that much more red blood to course through the arteries of world affairs.

Clubs admitted were as follows, with the presidents:

Venice Woman's club, Mrs. W. H. Anderson; Arcadia Woman's club, Miss Ollie Palmer; San Fernando Ebells, Mrs. T. J. Walker; Owensmouth Woman's club, Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr.; Lankershim Woman's club, Mrs. J. W. Deupree; Los Angeles University Book club, Mrs. Ruby Sinclair; Moorpark Fortnightly club, Mrs. I. Thacker; Bellflower Mary Arden club, Mrs. S. P. Nippart; Los Angeles Sunshine Society, Mrs. Charles Demund; Los Angeles Schubert club, Mrs. J. T. Anderson; Long Beach College Woman's club, Mrs. George Kingsley; Pacoima Woman's club, Mrs. Lydia Parker Thatcher; Arlington club, Mrs. Clara R. Grey; Baldwin Park club, Mrs. Celia A. J. Rix; San Fernando Valley Woman's Civic league, Mrs. Margaret Herskovits; Hynes Clearwater Woman's Betterment club, Mrs. Ora Chalmers.

Los Angeles Galpin Shakespeare club has 115 members and is not only studying Shakespeare but also French drama.



# HOME ECONOMICS FIELD BROADENING

**Miss Ednah Anne Rich, State Chairman**

"Home-making is a vocation with a commercial side, but not a commercial spirit, and the crafts that serve it should be taught to women as a preparation for their part in the ministry of life," quoted from the Home Economics Chairman of New Jersey, expresses clearly the attitude which the Women's Clubs may adopt toward the department of their club work dealing with their "every-day life."

The training for efficiency requires personal attention to the utilitarian facts of home administration, but "the home cannot become a business." Home is the foundation on which civilization is built, and all the arts and sciences serve it, as truly as the commercial world activities support it.

"Vocational guidance" is becoming a necessity in modern life, and who are the advisers of the girls as they step forth from their school world? The one who has given the counsel is; not the mother in the home, but the teacher who is trying to study into the conditions of the industrial world. More and more women are taking their places as wage-earners in the same kind of work as men, and when they leave their positions to take up house-keeping they often close the door to happiness in their new surroundings because of their unfamiliarity with the fundamental truths of woman's vocation.

The vocational aspect of home economics offers wondrous opportunities to the mature woman. The state, recognizing the value of home environment for its special wards, the half-orphans, has established a "mother's pension" fund. But who is training those mothers to make wise use of the state's assistance? The Industrial Commission and the Immigration Commission are striving to raise the economic standard of the wage-earner. The legislature provides for state institutions, but who is to bring into them that intangible atmosphere to which

the unfortunates are entitled? Youths are sent to institutions of learning and undermine their physical constitutions, also their standards of morality, because they cannot pay the price of good food and because they lose, for some years, all touch with the ideals of home.

Wage-earners have to submit to almost intolerable conditions because of poor cooking and worse serving. What has this to do with Woman's Clubs and home economics? The matter is significant in that women shall recognize that their privilege lies in extending and broadening the significance of the term "home" until it shall include all the state and community problems as well as those of the individual family.

Clubwomen can then help by giving support to their fellow-townswomen who are trying to contribute to vocational home economics by their tea rooms, their delicatessens, their day nurseries and, above all, their house-keeping responsibilities in schools and hotels, large and small.

Womankind must protect the defenseless children and able men through their study of nutrition. Clubwomen, take pride in your home-making vocation, a calling quite as proud as that of the professions of medicine or art or music. Study to be efficient.

California has at Santa Barbara the first professional school for Home Economics and Manual Arts exclusively established in the United States. Training is for the regularly accredited University and Normal students, and also for the mature woman with experience in home-making who shall go out into the world's work as one trained in institutional management. Nurse graduates of Santa Barbara Normal may become dietiticians, social service or immigration visitors.

Los Angeles Business Woman's Civic league is an association of women for progress, individuality, efficiency, which includes social responsibility.

## RURAL IMPROVEMENT

**Mrs. Howard S. Trotter**

**District Chairman Country Life**

The Country Life department has been urging activities in the rural and suburban clubs in four distinct directions. First, symmetry in planting and beauty of tree and shrubs to line the highways that connect such clubs, aiming for state-wide activity which would provide for the parking of the California highways and for their permanent care; second, for the small town, village and hamlet, the establishment of a public rest room; third, to foster and build an attractive and satisfactory social life for the youth of each individual community.

Pleasure and recreation have been commercialized in the city, but because recreation cannot be so handled in the rural and suburban communities there has been a disposition on the part of the ruling element to ignore and disregard this one of the actual necessities of life and youth. Music and games are the twin forces to work out this development. Each community has its own definite problem and its own obvious solution for the earnest club to solve.

The Teacherage or School Manse is the fourth division, and the only one that has been only discussed and not attempted by any community in the Los Angeles District. Seven states have equipped such homes for the use of their teachers. The state of Washington has established 90 homes in connection with their rural schools, and are finding that a stronger, happier teaching force is the result.

The rural school at present is the training ground for the city's teachers, the experiment station where the young, would-be teacher tries her powers and teaching ability on the poorly guarded, helpless rural child. The teacher may or may not grow by the experiment; but no one can expect the child to develop as he might with an able, experienced, trained teacher.

## PREVENTION AND RESCUE

One of the most interesting and distinguished figures at the convention was Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, of Washington, D. C., and special representative for aliens under bond at the San Francisco Exposition, who spoke on Prevention and Rescue Work; centralizing her theme especially on the protection of young women who come either as visitors or employes to big expositions.

"A woman or girl coming to the exposition should at least be kept as good as she was when she came. San Francisco is going to be free from many curses which have been features of other expositions because of the work of women who are awakened to the responsibility of safe guarding women less fortunate than themselves. One woman officer was placed on the exposition grounds in Paris; ten served in St. Louis, and San Francisco has adopted other plans to safeguard girls on the grounds. The world has known that women have hearts; now it is proved that they have heads. The oneness of Motherhood is universal."

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe, a life long friend, who gave a brief resume of Mrs. Barrett's work.

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The Drama Section of the Friday Morning Club gave the program Thursday evening, Gertrude Keller Bagley giving a reading of Galsworthy's "The Mob," and Mrs. Benjamin Goldman a talk on "The Study of the Drama." Mrs. T. G. Harriman of the Long Beach Ebells gave a contralto solo with Miss Laurelle Chase at the piano.

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Avalon Woman's club is doing Federation work even though isolated from all other clubs by the Pacific Ocean. It is a study club.

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Whittier Woman's club is holding local reciprocity meetings and is exchanging programs with nearby clubs.

## HOW TO LISTEN TO MUSIC

**Carrie Stone Freeman**  
District Chairman Music

Music represents the self-moved activity of the soul. In no other art is the difference so great between the inspired and the merely mechanically-put-together.

It is the artist who sees the deeper meaning of the lake and ocean; the artist, the poet, who sees deepest into the depths of the soul. Hence in art works one finds represented the moments of the soul's redemption conflict, through which every individual must pass. These conflicts are not representable in architecture or sculpture, although sculpture has tried this. In painting they may come to a limited extent, but a painting is necessarily but a single moment of life; it gives us only a position, a relation, a contrast. Whereas no account of a soul-conflict is intelligible which does not give us the opposing principles, and also their collision and final resolution in the triumph of good. This would be a story too long for painting, but Music can give us a prolonged action of the soul, a whole life history! In this is its great superiority in spirituality to the other forms of art.

Listen for the music of rustling leaves under your feet as you tramp through the woods beside the laughing, bounding stream that sings to you and chatters gayly about the birds upon yonder mountain. Everything in the universe is throbbing in its own rhythm. Listen always for these three elements of Music—Rhythm, Melody and Harmony. It is everywhere about you. Next to the music of the pines, the most impressive form of music is the beating of the surf upon the sand or rocks of the shore. More than in the music of the pines, the element of rhythm is here strongly and regularly accentuated. The melody is also more definite, if less moving. Harmony, in some degree, is present in the union of sounds made by the wash of the long rolling waves on the irregular contour of the shore. Something of all the elements of the art of Music is present.

## MRS. MACNEE, GRACIOUS HOSTESS

As general-in-chief of courtesies, Mrs. P. S. MacNee, President of the Long Beach Ebells, inspired the convention visitors with her gracious sixth sense of courtesy.

On all sides demands were fulfilled untiring and with sweetness and tact. Her category was complete from smiles to "red pepper," and that was complete in itself.

Another interesting figure of the convention was that charming little lady, Mrs. C. A. Wiley, chairman of arrangement, who marshaled her forces with precision and completeness. To the long committee lists we offer our eulogy.

Outlook association, Los Angeles, which for four years made a campaign for the Torrens Land Law, is now engaged in a spectacular nation-wide campaign for the passage of the David Lubin National Marketing Association Bill at present in committee in congress.

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**Secretary, Auto-Bus Association**



### LOCAL CONVENTION BOARD

Officers and chairmen of committees of the Local Board which is planning for the "local" entertainment of the State convention are: Mrs. Percy S. King, President San Francisco District; Chairman, Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, 1942 Hyde St.; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. D. J. McMaster, 1849 Jackson St.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louis Hertz, Hotel Bristol; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Raymond B. Hollingsworth, 349 Locust St.; Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Knight, 238 San Jose Ave.; Auditor, Mrs. F. F. Bostwick, Mill Valley.

Committees: Art, Mrs. Edwin Stadtmuller, assisted by the State Chairman, Miss Ethel M. Wickes; Auditorium, Mrs. C. E. Grunsky; Decoration, Mrs. Ray E. Steiner; Excursion, Mrs. Myer Jacobs; Furnishings, Miss Florence Musto; Hospitality, Mrs. John H. Perine; Hotels, Miss Jennie Partridge; Information, Miss Margaret Curry; Music, Mrs. Cecil Mark, advised by State Chairman, Mrs. Longbotham, and Assistant Chairman, Mrs. Hope H. Swinford; Platform, Mrs. S. E. Peart; Printing, Miss Bessie Roche; reception, Mrs. E. G. Denniston; Registration, Mrs. Einar Wismer; Special Courtesy, Mrs. David Henderson; Trains, Mrs. George Mullin; Ushers and Pages, Mrs. William E. Secombe.

The pages who did the work of carrying the spoken and written word from woman to woman during the convention programs are to be complimented on the efficiency with which they performed their tasks. They were Mrs. L. G. Stone, Mmes. Meter, Munholland, Andrews, Rice, Steinke, Dodge, Tharsing Schei, Walter Case, A. B. Austin, J. W. Anderson, Miss Ringheim.

Somis Thursday club is doing work for the rural women, their children and husbands, distributed \$175 worth of presents, and held a municipal Christmas tree.

Boyle Heights Entre Nous has paid \$500 for a lot and is planning on a club house. Civics is an important department of work.

### STATE ENDOWMENT DISCUSSED

Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, whose administration stands for a \$50,000 State Endowment fund, that will enable the Federation to carry on its work with financial self-respect, gave a fine talk at the opening of the convention on plans for raising the fund which is known as the Caroline Severance Memorial Endowment fund.

The state president would have club women raise this fund as a consecration of their power to Federation work and development. A gift of \$100 places one on the founders' roll; of \$50, on the honor roll; while for any sum, small or great, a club woman may place the name of her mother on the "Mothers' Memorial Roll."

Three hundred dollars has already been contributed to the fund which is in charge of the state treasurer.

Mr. James S. McGraw was given the platform to ask clubwomen to give their endorsement to a bill presented before the Assembly that the Bible shall be deemed a non-sectarian book and that it should be read in the schools. After a spirited discussion, in which both sides advanced keen and logical arguments, the vote showed a majority in favor.

Miss Kate Foley, herself a victim of infantile blindness, asked and received the endorsement of the District for a bill which will provide that an anti-septic be dropped in the eyes of new born infants as a preventative of the scourge of infantile blindness, such preventative to be made and administered under competent supervision.

Ten states were indirectly represented at the Los Angeles District convention by women who formerly had been connected with Federations of other states or who held office in the General Federation.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The personnel of the 1915-1916 district board was practically unchanged by the election. The roster includes Mrs. H. A. Cable, president; Mrs. D. M. Cate, vice president; Mrs. L. W. Harmon, recording secretary; Mrs. R. C. Shipman, corresponding secretary (re-elected); Mrs. W. E. Goodyear of Somis, treasurer; Mrs. Charles A. Robinson of Covina, auditor; Mrs. Harry J. Slater, Santa Monica, chairman State nominating committee, and Mrs. Charles A. Wiley of Long Beach, member State credential committee.

Great credit for the conduct of the election is due the election board members. Mrs. Christopher M. Gordon, judge; Mrs. P. S. McNutt, inspector; Mrs. D. Webster and Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr., tellers.

Mrs. Dallas Mason Cate, in her report as chairman of program, said: "The skirts of our by-laws have become too short," and that "all our strength is in our union; all our weakness in our discords."

Los Angeles Council of Jewish Women are doing immigration work at Ellis Island, has 18 standing committees, is interested in social welfare, and has established a nursery which is now a social center.

Echo Park Mother's club, Los Angeles, is training children and working for community betterment, a big problem to tackle anywhere.

San Fernando Valley Ebell, organized a few days before Federation, is already doing useful work in its vicinity. Members say they organized to lift themselves out of the daily routine into the busy world where women do things.

Boyle Heights Civic League secured a municipal market site for their section of Los Angeles and have secured a motor truck in place of horses for their fire district.

San Pedro Woman's club works for individual development, has current events, home economics section and has done civic and philanthropic work.

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### SPECULATIONS IN FUTURES

Mrs. Russell J. Waters, President Friday Morning Club, gave an interesting talk before the convention on "Speculations in Futures." In brief her thoughts were: "To succeed in fulfilling the Federation spirit, we must accomplish the complete solidarity of women. We must first complete the annihilation of the so-called political methods of women. That we have some in our ranks who are pernicious, we must acknowledge. From these we should withhold office. When we know a woman is disruptive, we must keep her out of executive power. Never should our solidarity be threatened by those who seek to gain personal ends. The most important thing is the education of the undeveloped woman."

Mrs. J. R. Mason, Director of the Connecticut State Federation, and Mrs. Homer Miller, former President of the Iowa State Federation, were introduced by Mrs. Waters. Mrs. Mason placed emphasis on the Federation spirit of service, saying: "It means humility, charity and self-lessness. We must submerge our personal ambitions for the great ambition of the whole." Mrs. Miller spoke of the solidarity of women and outlined briefly plans for the G. F. W. C. Council, which will be held in Portland, Ore., June 1-3.

It is welcome news to learn that Mrs. Frank Garrett of Los Angeles is state transportation chairman for the Federation convention in San Francisco. She has proved her efficiency in handling this most intricate office. Women are urged to make their train reservations through her.

The Business Woman's Civic Club of Los Angeles has appointed a club Federation Secretary in accordance with the suggestion of the State President. Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer. Miss Daphne Isgrigg, who will hold this office, is a most efficient choice and will make her influence felt in the new capacity. She is also president of that flourishing club, Blue Bell Operators' Club.

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**PARLIAMENTARY DRILL IS TIE**

One of the most intensely interesting events of the convention was the Parliamentary Law drill contest, in which six parliamentary students from as many clubs answered difficult parliamentary questions put to them on the platform by Mrs. I. W. Gleason, the capable district chairman, who inaugurated the contests in individual clubs for the purpose of stimulating interest and practice in parliamentary drill.

The result was a tie between Mrs. P. S. McNutt, Glendale Tuesday Afternoon club, and Mrs. Hartley Packard, South Pasadena Woman's Improvement association, and they drew lots to decide, Mrs. McNutt winning the pennant and silk flag.

Mrs. J. A. Osgood, State parliamentarian, made the presentation speech. Others in the contest were Mrs. A. J. Zimmerman, Los Angeles Travel club; Miss Daphne Isgrigg, Blue Bell Culture club; Mrs. Havilock Trotter, Long Beach Woman's City club; and Mrs. R. G. DePuy, San Diego Woman's club.

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**"POLITICS" DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Frank S. Gibson, State Federation Commissioner of Immigration, was leader for a discussion on politics. However, there was no spirited discussion of the topic, which many women at the convention construed as meaning that the majority present were in favor of taking advantage of their political enfranchisement to further Federation work.

Among other things, Mrs. Gibson stated: "Ever since women have discovered that they could go to the source of evils through the ballot, they have been in politics. The club is in politics. As exhibit A, I refer you to this convention. You are in politics to stay because tomorrow has come. I see by the bills the Federation is supporting that politics has to do with the home, the school, life and death.

"These bills must be watched and urged in the state legislature by women. Women will go with a righteous program of politics in their hands. The women who are watching the legislature for you should have your confidence and loyalty and the solidarity of your support. The club mind must be flexible. We are glad that the State Federation is in politics and we hope it is in to stay."

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The club has four departments which meet semi-monthly—California History, Civics, Modern Drama and Home Economics, the latter being new this year. The tendency of the club program for the year has been to satisfy the diversified tastes of the club members, and to stimulate interests along the lines of civic and social development, and more than all, actual service along humane lines.

We have given our support to the municipal Christmas tree, Belgian relief work, Recreation Center, and have been and are active agents for a clean city. One of our most vital programs was given recently, when Mrs. Marian Craig Wentworth, a resident of Santa Barbara, read her own play, "War Brides," a most potent appeal to womanhood to realize their power to bring this war-torn world to peace again.

In this year, 1914-15, our interests are wide and manifold; we are giving actual social service, and are aware of the big world issues and are looking out and beyond ourselves.

Federation income for the year was 1833.56; disbursements, \$1683.83. Of this \$108.11 went to the maintenance of departments; \$408.25 to the endowment fund; \$207.10 to the State University Club house loan fund, and \$311.67 to last year's convention expenses at Santa Barbara. A balance was reported of \$683.73.

## TO THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES

**Former Councilman, John Topham desires to announce through the columns of the Clubwoman his candidacy for election to the City Council. Primary election May 4th, general election, June 1st, 1915**

The decision that I would ask reelection as city attorney was based solely upon the fact that the city cannot afford to have its legal policies changed until certain unfinished constructive work is completed, including most important litigation.

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**REDONDO CIVIC OUTLOOK CLUB**

Recently the women of the Civic Outlook Club of Redondo Beach went from door to door, securing co-operation in municipal clean-up day, conducted annually by the club; also interesting the school boys, who, under the generalship of a few men, cleared weeds on vacant lots, carried to the curbs the piles of rubbish, which were carted away by the city street force, and later enjoyed a complimentary frolic in the plunge and a visit to the picture show.

Some months ago the club petitioned the city council to call a bond election for the acquisition of a library site, splendidly located in the center of the town. After many delays, during which time, however, the club never ceased its agitation in favor of the project, concluding in the last days before the election in interviewing the voters by house call or telephone, the election took place, resulting in a majority vote for the bonds, but failing a two-thirds majority. The present scarcity of money explains the failure, perhaps.

Last spring the club crowned a May Queen at a beautiful May pageant, which included an exquisite May-pole dance. The financial returns were used to purchase a sanitary drinking fountain, which has been installed at the busiest street corner at the beach. These same clubwomen took over the duties of a local newspaper, from gathering advertisements and news to handling the printed copies. In this edition many subjects, considered most important by clubwomen, but as a rule given little or no space in the regular editions, were presented to the townspeople.

Since the object of the club includes the study of political, economic and civic questions in addition to the improvement of local civic conditions, the year's program presents Legislation, Child Welfare, Public Health, Beautifying the Home Town.

Mrs. W. A. Galentine, recently re-elected president, has held the chair

since the organization of the club, in 1912.

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In a brilliant and logical address, "Europe's Extremity—America's Opportunity," Dr. James A. B. Scherer, President Throop College, gave to the convention his thoughts concerning Peace and militarism. Briefly he said:

"The best way to promote permanent peace is to provide a way for permanent peace. The permanence of peace will be insured by the absence of preparation for war. In order to prepare for war, we must increase our armament as much, or more, than our neighbors who might become aggressive."

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Mrs. Mary E. Garbutt, W. C. T. U. Chairman of Peace, led the discussion on Forces for Peace. She is one of the strongest peace advocates in Southern California and has done much pioneer work in the peace movement. She says: "War itself is making for peace, for after it is over we must found a new civilization with unity of government, a civilization that will have learned the lesson of war and will know the value of peace. We have God on our side, and God is in the majority."

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Mrs. Fred B. Kuck, Travel Club, the untiring chairman of the credentials committee, in her final report stated that 97 clubs were represented at the convention with 208 delegates, 107 alternates, 5 officers and 23 chairmen.

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Los Angeles Woman's Auxiliary to the Railway Mail Association is working for stronger, safer cars for railway mail clerks.

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Los Angeles Ladies Auxiliary No. 52. N. A. L. C. has sent resolutions to congressmen for the pensioned retirement of aged employes of the mail service.

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Sawtelle Woman's club owns its clubhouse, has installed a free county library branch, and gave 26 baskets to the poor.



Mrs. Foster Elliot, state chairman of Forestry, received an initial recognition of her work on behalf of forestry, when she received an invitation from the Commonwealth Club of California to act as a delegate at their conference March 15. Invitations were sent to the State Forester, Conservation Commission, United States Forest Service, Sierra Club, State University and Forest Protection Association. The conference unanimously adopted the Forest Fire Bill which she advocates, with nominal changes. Mrs. Elliot no doubt is doing the most useful forestry work in California.

Los Angeles Badger club is interested in Philanthropy, Civil Service and Prison Reform, and has done much to relieve suffering in Los Angeles.



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Mrs. Frank E. Wolfe spokē briefly on the David Lubin National Marketing Association resolutions in Congress, which have been endorsed by the Outlook Association of Los Angeles and the State and District Federation Boards in joint session.

Senator W. E. Brown outlined two bills he has introduced into the State legislature on Rural Credits and Land Banks, urged their passage and also a bill on Prison Reform.

Benjamin Fay Mills gave an address on "The Social Consciousness" Wednesday afternoon in which he prognosticated that society is for the first time becoming conscious of itself; that there is only one problem confronting the human race and that is the development of the human race; and there is no way problems can be solved except for all of us.

Southern California Woman's Press club, headquarters Los Angeles, is throwing its strength in Washington for a new Authors' Rights law which will give protection to the photo-playwright and enjoys programs from celebrities from every part of the world.

Gardena Wednesday Progressive club has grown from 7 to 85 members in 3 years and its club house is almost paid for.

Glendale Tuesday Afternoon club has for its keynote of success—co-operation. It has 220 members, 7 study sections all taught by members of the club, and has bought and paid for two lots.

Los Angeles College Woman's club has established an annual scholarship loan of 300 for girls who if not aided could not continue work at the state university. The club is fostering the creative work of its members including one-act plays and songs.

Ebell Club of Los Angeles has been designated, according to the president, as the "potted plants of Federation;" but the same president retorted humorously, "You notice our plants are decorating most big Federation platforms.

## EXPOSITION HEADQUARTERS

Through the generosity and courtesy of the Napa County Panama-Pacific Exposition Commissioners, cosy, restful headquarters have been established permanently for the State Federation and for the San Francisco District. Two large rooms have been set aside in the mezzanine floor of the California building. These rooms overlook the bay, and from the corridor in front, a fine bird's-eye view of all counties exhibits can be seen without the fatigue of walking. From this vantage point any special feature can be easily located and so can each county's headquarters.

Mrs. Percy S. King, the enterprising President of San Francisco District, has enlisted the aid of her board and also the Ladies' Auxiliary of Napa County in the plan for furnishing and decorating the rooms. Messrs. B. Bruck of St. Helena, Mr. Edward S. Bell and Mr. E. Wilder Churchill of Napa are the men responsible for this privilege. They not only granted the use of the rooms, but allowed sufficient funds from Napa County's appropriation to furnish and maintain them during the exposition period.

Mrs. King will have a committee in charge to look after the comfort of those who visit the California building. A reception will be given Mrs. Percy Pennybacker, the General Federation President.

San Fernando Woman's Civic League is the "hub of the town." As soon as women got the vote they organized, then declared for "no eats," no music, just civics for their aim and purpose.

Long Beach Ebell has 420 members, 90 of which are new. It has 14 active departments, has given aid to the county farm, Coleman House, and the Belgians. It has held a municipal Christmas tree.

Long Beach Woman's City club has 370 members which shows an increase this year of 1325 per cent. The club is devoted to the study of civil, political and parliamentary law, and through its efforts a \$50,000 hospital has been secured for the city.

**OWENSMOUTH IS LIVE CLUB**

The Owensmouth Women's Club was formed Oct. 30, 1914, by Mrs. Howard S. Trotter of Van Nuys. The club boasts twenty-five members, all greatly in earnest. Eighteen are wearing the Federation pin, and 5 are taking "The Club Woman." Besides the regular club meetings, all very interesting, there have been two "California Days," with papers on the history and landmarks of the state; social evenings for the young people; also a greatly appreciated "Dutch supper" to the man of the house. The club established a branch of the county library before it had been organized a month, eleven members attended the District Convention, and the club's delegate was the first to cast a ballot under the new system.

The club officers are: Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr., president; Mrs. John Haas, vice-president; Mrs. T. A. Hull, secretary; Mrs. L. P. Mitchell, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Balster, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. M. Burch, auditor.

**NEWS SUPPRESSED**

The report of a certain convention conference is fraught with interest because of its secrecy. It is even rumored that a password was required and a sign and that some were denied admittance even after insistent and repeated attempts to claim recognition.

It is said that at this meeting speculations in futures were freely indulged in, even to the extent of prognostications. It was plainly demonstrated that large understandings are necessary to those in official positions and a spirit of give and take was manifest which amounted to give and take back.

The press came in for its share and more than its half of "red pepper," but manifesting an attitude of mind receptive to any and all suggestions—and doses.

As the story of proceedings was suppressed in formation, the remainder is left to conjecture. (Ed. note: This has the seal if not the signature of two Presidents.)

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The Woman's Improvement Club of Roseville, Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, the popular and efficient president, has created a new chairman in its club—THE CLUB-WOMAN chairman whose duties are to get subscriptions to the official organ of the Federation. Mrs. A. E. Brown is the chairman and is turning in many subscriptions in ratio to the number of women in the club. Each club, if it were cognizant of the advantages of keeping in touch with Federation through the official magazine, would appoint such a chairman at once.

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The Library has its annual all-day New Thought May Festival the first day of May, when helpful and constructive talks are given by eloquent men and women who have reached a high development in Metaphysics and New Thought.

All committees responded to the work given them with a vim and enthusiasm that was one of the features of convention success. Besides others already mentioned elsewhere, the following women and their invaluable committee assistants, did credit to the ideals of club organization: Mrs. J. E. Shimer, hospitality; Mrs. C. H. Martin, hostesses; Mrs. Bert Keith, time keeper; Mrs. W. Dyke, special floral; Mrs. Clara Tunstall, publicity; Mrs. H. S. Aylsworth, hotels and transportation; Mrs. A. R. Bennett, courtesies; Mrs. L. A. Perce, ushers; Miss Anna Baker, exhibits; Mrs. J. M. Cage, decorations; Mrs. R. J. Booth, platform; Miss Julia Ellen Rogers, registry; Mrs. Fred B. Kuck, credentials; Miss Daphne Isgrigg, badges.

San Dimas Woman's club is finding work for the unemployed, has a branch of the county library, and has offered \$5 for the best Peace essay.

Pomona Ebell has music, art and, landmarks sections, a free lance section and physical culture section.

Compton Pathfinder club has Civics and Social Economics for its objects. This club does what others clubs should do—aims to develop timid members.

South Pasadena Woman's Improvement association has inaugurated open air meetings free to the public.

Los Angeles Browning club has been studying the growth and immortality of the soul. Club members are very studious.

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Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, of the State Board of Education, formerly General Federation Chairman of Education, and also one of the few women elected to that distinguished body, the National Council of Education, spoke on Education Legislation.

She made a plea for more financial support and improvement of rural schools. "In training children for citizenship it is not sufficient to train them for presidents, but to make it impossible for them to be poor. The 2000 to 3000 rural schools in this state get transient teaching service which is most deplorable. We need money for more kindergartens. Schools need better sanitary conditions and more equipment.

In the picturesque Long Beach Ebells club house, club women were privileged to spend a half hour of informal sociality, and refreshments were served by the hostesses. Club women who came for the day were privileged to bring their luncheons and eat them at the club, and the hostesses served them with tea or coffee.

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, in greetings from the General Federation, gave a brief but interesting talk on the present outlook for peace. She urged women to look at today's affairs in today's intellectual light and not to be governed by past traditions that were capable of being affixed to past affairs.

Laurel Canyon Woman's club has done much useful work in a literary way, making a specialty of the literature department in Federation.

Long Beach College Woman's club has just made its initial bow to the Federation. Its purpose is to open the avenues of social and educational intercourse to college women in the city.

Hollywood Woman's club has recently completed its picturesque club house which with the lot cost \$20,000. The furnishings which cost \$4000 are fully paid for. The club has 500 members.

Mrs. H. S. Callahan was responsible for a thoroughly enjoyed courtesy, a trip around the beautiful, scenic Long Beach harbor, tendered visiting clubwomen of the convention. Her committee also arranged for automobile rides through the city.

Hermosa Beach Civic club has raised a fund for life boats. This club is flourishing, and Hermosa Beach is to be congratulated at having such a live organization.

Huntington Park Woman's club goes deeply into matters pertaining to legislation, having shown particular interest in the legislation of last year.

Ruskin Art club, Los Angeles, is in its third year of studying France and will gladly furnish plans of programs to clubs desiring them.

Woman's Orchestra, Los Angeles, which has done 23 years of musical work, and has given women musicians of Los Angeles so much opportunity for practice and stage appearance, has opened a series of popular Sunday concerts, Temple Auditorium.

Los Angeles Blue Bell Operators' Culture club, with 217 members is interested in helping girls get vacations. The club has three sections—music, literature and athletics.

Downey Saturday Afternoon club is bringing young girls and children into interested touch with their club, and will soon hold "husband days."

Eagle Rock Twentieth Century club, which recently completed a handsome new club house, does philanthropic, civic and settlement work.

Santa Maria Minerva Literary club has bought a lot and paid the first \$1000 toward a building. It has civics, art, home economics, education, history and landmarks, philanthropy sections.

Los Angeles Schubert club is a flourishing musical club devoted to intellectual classical music with a tendency to honor the great composer in name, if not in their programs.

Alhambra Wednesday Afternoon club which saved its club house from going down the Arroyo in last year's storm, is out of debt, and is proud to show a pretty stage and beautiful new curtain.





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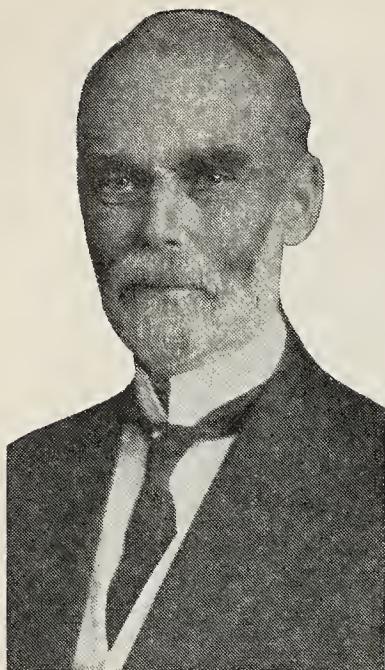
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## Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we present the Northern District Convention number, the news of which was garnered by Miss Jennie A. McConnell, the capable Northern Press Chairman. The success of any convention lies in the hands of the president of that convention. The success of the interpretation of the convention lies in the province of the Press Chairman. Miss McConnell's description will be found under her own signature.

We are on the verge of a State Convention. The clubwomen of this mighty organization will be called on by their vote to decide important questions.

The State must be re-districted. A plan has been evolved by Mrs. Henry DeNyse, chairman, and it remains for intelligent clubwomen to put their vital concentration in motion as to whether or not it should be accepted. It looks as if the major portion of the State will and has received the plan kindly, either in whole or part.

Mrs. Pennybacker, General Federation President, and others who are experienced in Federation work, are in favor of the plan and feel that it is so fine, so sure of success, that it is a wonder it has not been thought of before. It is our present State President, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, who some years ago was the first to formulate the daring idea of reconstituting the Federation on county lines. The plan has grown and merits your attention.

If the meeting of Los Angeles District Presidents and Delegates to the State Convention is any criterion of

conditions that are to ensue when State action is taken on the Revision of By-Laws amendments proposed to the Constitution by the Revision Committee, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, chairman, then indeed the floor will present a vigorous fight from both the negative and affirmative clubwomen.

No action was taken, although those in favor of the "politics" amendment and those opposing, discussed the topic vigorously and freely, showing that women are thinking deeply on the subject. Women throughout the State are also considering this question. Many believe that the new By-Law will be a protection to the Federation; and many believe that it will be impossible to carry on Federation work except with the instruments which their citizenship has given them—political and legislative action.

Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, our valued State President, will not consent to serve a second term. It is with regret that The Federation is forced to accede to her decision. Mrs. Palmer has thought more deeply of a certain phase of Federation than has any State President. The glory of a second term does not attract so much as the fact that by serving only one term she will accomplish something big for Federation.

It will be due to Mrs. Palmer's thoughtfulness that California will NOT send a NEWLY ELECTED President to the 1916 Biennial—who because of her newness would not be able to give a fair and just report of the work of this big organization. By serv-



ing only one term Mrs. Palmer will make such a mediocre situation unnecessary. If succeeding presidents serve more than one term, their periods of training will never come at the time of a Biennial.

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### **NORTHERN DISTRICT REPORT** **Mrs. A. F. Jones, District President**

At the close of my second year as President of this District, I regard with pride and satisfaction the growing interest in the work of the Federation.

The things accomplished are not always tangible, nor can they be described in words, but I seem to feel the leavening influence of individual effort that makes for the advance of our District and its standards. Our work has grown and expanded. During the past club year we have numerically increased one-third in membership, and ten clubs have federated.

We have entered upon a new era of development. Many of the so-called "Culture Clubs" of limited membership have caught the broader vision, are hearkening to the call of that magic word, "service." Reciprocity, I believe, is responsible for this change of heart. We have had many of these days, wonderful days, when in each case the door of true hospitality has been thrown wide open. I have a treasured memory chain of these events. Each link has left some lasting impression upon my mind.

Then there have been Presidents' days, and an Art Conference, the first one to have been held in this District. The Bureau of Library Information and Reciprocity. This new department that grew out of a resolution passed at our Woodland Convention last year is broad in its scope and usefulness. We have labored most successfully for a Traveling Art Gallery for this District, for improved methods along Civil Service Reform lines.

We have taken the initiative in the conservation of natural trees and

shrubs along our state highways. There is a boom in Civic work, purifying, beautifying, scattering the poppy and bright flowers everywhere, planning fetes and celebrations, making ready to welcome our Exposition guests. Many clubs have responded to humanity's call, not only alleviating the suffering of their dear ones at home, but contributions of money and food have been sent across the Atlantic to our war stricken neighbors.

I thank you for the opportunity given me for service. I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to during the two years of my administration. There are always limitations. Mine has not been the eight-hour law. I am content if during my term of office the Northern District has added something worth while to the achievement of our State and the General Federation.

I wish for my successor the same cooperation, kindness and consideration that has ever been accorded me by the District officers, State officers, chairmen of departments and club members generally.

#### **New Officers for District**

The officers elected to govern the destiny of the district for the coming term are:

Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, President; Mrs. David Powell, Vice-President; Mrs. B. F. Walton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. W. Quast, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Emily Hopkin, Treasurer; Mrs. L. J. Dormody, Auditor.

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As a beautiful souvenir of the convention, we mention the attractive program printed on pale lavender paper with deeper lavender type. The front page carries the Federation seal and the back of the book has space for convention notes. This, with the Los Angeles and Southern District programs, forms the main part of our collection.

## NORTHERN SESSION REPLETE WITH INTEREST

### JENNIE A. McCONNELL, DISTRICT PRESS CHAIRMAN

"Here's to the Hostess City, camellia crowned Sacramento, Metropolis of the Northland. May she continue to grow in grace and loveliness." (Mrs. A. F. Jones, District President.)

The Tuesday Club House of Sacramento was beautifully decorated to welcome the officers, delegates and visiting clubwomen, who assembled March 23 to 25 for the annual convention of the Northern District.

"A spirit of Spring pervaded the sessions. The entire front of the stage was banked with calla lilies and ferns, and in the background were huge bunches of purple and white iris. Baskets were suspended at the back of the stage, with ferns and blossoms. The reception rooms were embowered with Spring blossoms."

At the morning session the President's Council was held, when topics of general interest were discussed. The Press Chairman advocated a better understanding between the press and press chairman and a willingness on the part of all to dignify the office by allowing the press chairman to do the work of the office, and that a censorship exist in regard to news of importance relating to women's clubs.

#### Girl Problem

Mrs. David Powell of Marysville gave a most interesting talk on "The Young Girl of Today." She argued "that the girl of today is the same girl of years ago; that it is a change of times rather than a change in the girl herself which is making the young girl question a problem. It is not a girl problem, but a home problem. The home must be right. There are two types of American girls, the one who is a wage-earner and the one who is not. Every girl needs a job and all girls should be trained industrially, intellectually and morally, to the end that they may live productively, worthily and happily."

The subject of County Federation developed the most important discus-

sion of the morning. The delegates from the outlying counties opposed the measure, believing that it would limit the possibilities of club development. There was also a short talk on the State Endowment Fund.

The morning session closed with a discussion on Peace. It was stated that a petition was being planned and circulated by the children of the United States to be sent to the foreign powers, and suggested that clubwomen be urged to sign it, whereupon the question was asked, "What use are peace petitions when military tactics are practiced and upheld in the public schools?"

At the afternoon session the Convention was formally opened with a vocal invocation by Mrs. Walter Longbotham, State and District Chairman of Music, who beautifully sang "Great Chief of the Valley" (from Yosemite Legends by H. J. Stewart). Then followed the addresses of welcome by Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Chairman of the Local Board; Mrs. H. B. Bradford, President of the Tuesday Club, and Mrs. William Beckman, Past President of the Northern District. The response for the delegates was given by Mrs. J. T. Royles of Woodland.

Miss Jessica Lee Briggs extended greetings from the local board for the State Convention to be held in San Francisco. A Biennial Round Table, over which Mrs. George W. McCoy presided, brought back many pleasant memories to those who attended the Biennial held in Chicago.

#### State President's Message

One of the most interesting and instructive features of the afternoon was the State President's message by Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer. "Peace was the keynote of the first day of the Convention."

Mrs. May Wright Sewall of international reputation gave an address on "The Spirit of True Internationalism."

She condemned the building of battle-ships, the maintaining of armies and navies, saying that no one could hope for peace when preparing for war. "In time of war, prepare for peace; in time of peace, maintain peace. Peace lies wholly in the hands of the women, who need no longer bear children to supply the demands of war."

At the close of the afternoon session tea was served in the reception rooms of the Club House and in the evening a reception and ball were given in honor of the visiting delegates and clubwomen.

The program for the second day was one of interest and profit. Club presidents reported the activities of their respective clubs, and district chairmen gave excellent reports of work accomplished. Mrs. H. B. Wilkins, special representative of the Home Industry League of California, gave a talk on "Home Industry" and called attention to the exhibit of Home Industry products to be seen in the Club House. Miss Susan T. Smith, State Chairman of Library Information and Reciprocity, gave a talk on "The Principles of Efficiency and Their Application to Women's Clubs." She also had on exhibition a collection of club programs and photographs of club houses of the district. Mrs. George Reinhardt, State Chairman of Literature, gave a most inspiring address on "The Spirit of Western Literature."

### Venerable Figure

Possibly the speaker who gave the greatest inspiration was Prof. Maria Sanford, to whom the members of the Convention paid a tribute by rising to receive her. With her snowy-white hair, and eyes full of brightness, she carries her seventy-eight years with much dignity. She is a beautiful illustration of the possibility of growing old gracefully, and a splendid example for her less favored sisters who have not yet found their work. Her address on "The Moral Influence in the School" was full of interest and helpful suggestions.

She made a strong plea for the moral influence in the schools, advocating that responsible positions be denied those not worthy morally as well as intellectually.

At the noon hour of the second day the Sacramento Street Car Company very kindly extended an invitation to the clubwomen to ride about the city in prettily decorated cars, a trip enjoyed by many.

At the close of the afternoon session the delegates and officers were taken in automobiles to the Crocker Art Gallery, where a delightful reception was extended by the Knightly Art Club and the Ladies' Museum Association. In the evening an interesting talk was given by Mrs. J. B. Hughes of Oroville on "American Art at the Exposition," illustrated by lantern slides. During the evening the McNeil Club of Sacramento, composed of sixty male voices, very graciously contributed several vocal selections.

At the morning session of the last day Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, State Chairman of Industrial and Social Conditions, gave a very interesting talk on her visit of two months in the East. Mr. George W. Homans, State Forester, told of the needs and the means of filling those needs to fight fire and protect the timber lands of California. Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, State Chairman of Legislation, gave an outline of what women are doing along legislative lines.

### Home Economics Talk

All those present were much pleased to welcome Miss Ednah Rich, State Chairman of Home Economics, and hear her interesting address on the "Modern Approach to Efficiency," which was rich with suggestions for the average housekeeper.

Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, State Chairman of Club Extension, reported an increased number of clubs in the state, showing how the woman's club movement is reaching out into the remotest sections of the state. Mrs. F. H. Colburn told of the eruptions of Mount Lassen.

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## CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES EXPLAINED

### HOT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

(From The Sacramento Bee, April 19, 1915)

A non-partisan political campaign that promises to develop plenty of platforms, pledges, pleas and promises, is being waged in Superior California for the Presidency of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Washington, Yolo county, and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville, are the candidates in the field, and the fight is waxing warm.

#### North Has Good Chance

The Northern California District never has had a State President, but is understood generally to have the best chance to seize the honor this year at the convention to be held in San Francisco at the Civic Center Auditorium, May 17th to 22nd. Mrs. Lillian Palmer of San Diego, now President of the Federation, is said to have expressed a desire to see her successor elected from the north, and it is even claimed that she has spoken to not less than two women prominent in this district, suggesting that they become candidates.

#### Early Campaign Quiet

Until two weeks ago the campaign in the north has not become openly energetic. At the district convention a month ago no action was taken toward endorsing a candidate and it was not until a special meeting of the Executive Board was called by Mrs. A. F. Jones, retiring President of the district, in the closing weeks of her term, that things began to happen. Mrs. Hoppin, a member of the Executive Board, was not present at the meeting. Mrs. Jones was endorsed.

The endorsement was not unanimous, Mrs. George McCoy and Mrs. B. F. Walton of Sacramento favoring Mrs. Hoppin, while Mrs. H. J. Kilgarff, Mrs. Walter Longbotham and Miss Retta Parrott of this city are said to have voted in favor of Mrs. Jones. But the endorsement started the fireworks.

#### Each Has Active Workers

Mrs. Jones has the backing of Butte and Yuba County Woman's Clubs to date, and Mrs. C. L. Donahoe is one of her strongest supporters. For Mrs. Hoppin, Mrs. George McCoy is waging an active fight. The Woman's Clubs of Yolo county have gone on record as supporting Mrs. Hoppin and have sent out a circular letter to this effect from Woodland, signed by Mrs. James T. Royles and Mrs. Richard M. Brown.

Four past presidents of this district, Mrs. William Beckman, Miss Jennie McConnell, Mrs. B. F. Walton and Mrs. G. F. McCoy, have declared for Mrs. Hoppin and are actively in the lists in her behalf.

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### ENDORSEMENT OF MRS. JONES

(From The Sacramento Bee, April 20, 1915)

The endorsement of Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville by the Executive Board of the Northern District as a candidate for President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, was made at a regular meeting of the board, to which every member was invited, declared Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice-President. Among those notified to attend, but who was not present, was Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland, who is also a candidate for the Presidency.

#### Mrs. Seymour Issues Statement

Mrs. Seymour yesterday issued the following statement concerning circumstances surrounding the endorsement of Mrs. Jones:

The article in Saturday evening's issue of The Bee in reference to the action of the Executive Board of the Northern District of California Federation of Women's Clubs in endorsing Mrs. A. F. Jones for State President, does not state the facts fully, and therefore is misleading in several particulars.

It is stated therein, "At the District convention a month ago no action was taken toward endorsing a candidate." That statement is true. The reasons why such was the case, however, were not stated. Those reasons are briefly as follows:

At the last meeting of the Executive Board, held previous to the District convention, the matter of so endorsing the candidacy of Mrs. Jones was brought up. It then was stated by two of the ladies, supposed to be familiar with State Federation procedure, and then apparently very favorable toward Mrs. Jones, but who now are actively opposing her candidacy, that to so endorse Mrs. Jones would jeopardize her chances of election. Relying upon this statement the Executive Board did not at that time endorse Mrs. Jones. Had it done so, the endorsement undoubtedly would have been ratified by the District convention.

After the District convention had adjourned it was learned that such endorsements are proper and usual. The Executive Board, therefore, at its first meeting after the adjournment of the District convention, endorsed Mrs. Jones.

The action in endorsing Mrs. Jones was not taken at a special meeting of the Executive Board, nor was the meeting called by Mrs. Jones for that purpose.

#### Meeting Was Regular

Mrs. Jones, on the contrary, was endorsed at a regular meeting of the Executive Board and at a time when she happened to have been called from the room.

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## DISTRICT OFFERINGS TO FEDERATION

(Condensed From Reports of District Chairmen)

### Mrs. H. J. Kluegel, Civil Service Reform

The orphan or dependent child has become the special problem of the Civil Service Reform Department of this district. From the report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections it is evident that there has been great deficiency in all but two or three institutions in the care and education bestowed on these children. State aid is inadequate, supplying only 17 per cent of the total income received, the living parent or the relatives 11 per cent, and public charity the large balance.

The state should assume the full responsibility of orphans and dependent children. The clubwomen of California should arouse a moral feeling throughout the state to bring about the necessary laws and their enforcement.

Napa county has solved the problem of caring for its orphans through the Detention Home as provided by the Juvenile Court Law. Their children are placed in foster homes when possible; otherwise they live at the Detention Home and receive their education at the public schools.

It has been the endeavor of this department in this district to assist in establishing detention homes in counties where they have not existed before, and to strengthen those already established.

### Mrs. H. M. Albery, Industrial and Social Conditions

It has been my endeavor to interest the clubs of the district in Senate Bill 237, on Vocational Training of Teachers; also Senate Bill 257, to amend an Act regulating the employment and hours of labor of children. I have presented for consideration to the clubs the desirability of putting in the entire control of the State, privately owned or managed institutions that are partially supported by State funds.

I have addressed several clubs on the subject of Domestic Service. The Do-

mestic Problem is indeed a hard one, like all other labor problems vexing the people of the country. I believe there is at least a partial solution of this question already in process of development, which, if properly directed, may go far toward relieving the whole situation.

There is no doubt that lack of opportunity to learn to do things, and to use things, makes idle and incompetent vagrants of many girls who, under proper early training, would grow into independent, useful and self-respecting women.

### Mrs. H. J. Kilgariff, Legislation

A pamphlet compiled by the State Library Legislation Section, containing arguments for and against the 48 Amendments of last November, together with other material furnished by organizations and individuals, was mailed to the clubs throughout the district. Program outlines were furnished to many club chairmen and personal visits made to Oroville, Lincoln and Rocklin.

From the nature of the correspondence and from personal observation it is safe to state that every vote cast by Northern District women on the amendments recorded the intelligent conviction of women who knew what they were voting on, and why.

For the 1915 session of the legislature, this department mailed cards and literature to all clubs in the district with the request that legislators in the respective districts be interested in the measures endorsed by the Legislative Council and the Federation.

### Mrs. Hattie Buffington, Country Life

I was instructed by the State Chairman to provide each club with a copy of the Smith-Lever Act, and to request a report as to the amount of appropriation which should be used for the instruction in home economics. Of the thirty-nine clubs to which I addressed communications, only nine have sent replies, and of that number but three

could be counted to the credit of the Department of Country Life.

This department has been introduced so recently that some clubs are not aware of its existence. With proper publicity at an appropriate time, I believe that it might become an exceedingly attractive department.

#### **Mrs. Walter Longbotham, Music**

It is indeed a great satisfaction to state that the interest in the Department of Music has greatly increased. Roseville, Marysville, Oroville, Colusa, Live Oaks, Lincoln, Willows and Tuesday clubs of Sacramento have Departments of Music, and Yreka Woman's and Kahnundaltageh club of Nevada City are strictly musical clubs.

Yreka Club still retains the silver cup presented to the district by Mrs. B. F. Walton for the best musical program of the club year, this being the second year. While those clubs mentioned have devoted more time to the study of music, I am happy to say that all the other clubs in the district devote some time to that art.

As State and District Chairman, I wish to state that the department is strongly opposed to our legislators passing a law making the song, "I Love You, California," a State song. The musicians and lovers of music throughout our fair State of California feel that it would indeed be a great injustice.

#### **Mrs. F. W. Quast, Civics**

The Civic Department has taken up the "California Beautiful" movement this year, and the district presents a garden-like appearance to our Eastern visitors. With all the enthusiasm for beautification, public welfare work has not suffered. Many clubs are investigating pure food, pure milk and sanitation. Fly and mosquito campaigns have received attention. The unsightly billboard and fence advertising come in for a vigorous campaign.

Mothers clubs are bringing the home and school closer together. More school houses are being used as Civic Centers. The immigration question is receiving attention in the study clubs. It is a question of our domestic policy

toward the foreigner after his arrival. The Civic Section of the Placerville Shakespeare Club was successful in having passed at the present legislature bills to protect trees along the Lincoln Highway.

#### **Mrs. R. H. Jones, Home Economics**

The Home Economics Sections have done splendid work. Nine clubs have reported as either having had one special day or several days devoted to this very important department, which means an intelligent understanding of everything a woman should know to help administer a household systematically and economically.

Chief topics this year have been the study of food values and needlework exhibits. The Monticola Club of Susanville gave a very interesting day with a special program November 28.

The Live Oak Club spent the first part of the year doing needlework to prepare for a fancy work fair, the proceeds to help pay for the club house. On January 19 a special day was given on comparative food values, and regular meetings have been held since then for further study. Marysville Home Economic Section has had a program one day each month. The Lois Club of Grass Valley planned five or six days out of the year for special work.

Lincoln Club has a day planned for May 25. The Bogue Wednesday Club has done splendid work by spending the social hour each club meeting in the discussion of topics relative to the home, and often during the winter the roll call has been answered by giving tested recipes. The Roseville Club, in their usual original way, have sent out a very valuable recipe for saving money during the winter months by giving an infallible recipe for keeping eggs six or eight months.

#### **Miss Retta Parrott, Library Information and Reciprocity**

Special effort in this district has been directed toward strengthening library interest in the county seats. A circular letter was sent to every club in the district, offering the service of this bureau to bring about closer co-operation be-



tween the clubwomen and the libraries and calling attention to libraries in the county seats which had consented to file club literature.

Help on Irish plays and players. Italian art and sculpture, Goethe and his "Faust," dependent children of California, art exhibit of the Northern District, and information on how to get federal and state documents has been given. The most encouraging report of library development in a county seat came from the Monticola Club of Susanville, which reported having, together with the Chamber of Commerce, established a city library, reading and rest room, 550 volumes, 112 of which had been purchased by the club.

Eleven libraries of the district were entered by the Superintendent of Documents to receive the price lists issued by his office. An exhibition of programs and club-house plans arranged by the State Chairman attracted considerable interest and favorable comment at the recent District Convention held in Sacramento.

#### **Mrs. W. S. Kendall, Waterways**

California should have a definite policy properly to develop the many projects contemplated, to arrive at any degree of permanency and economy. The United States has already spent \$600,000,000 on the development and improvement of Inland Waterways without any degree of permanency. The status of women's work should be agitation, education, then practical results.

With these ideas in view I have written every club in the Northern District and have visited Colusa, Marysville, Wheatland, Rocklin, Roseville, Stockton and Berkeley.

In Sacramento I have had before the Current Topic Department of the Tuesday Club a program arranged to cover three of the most important phases of the subject: Power, Mrs. W. S. Kendall; Irrigation, Mrs. W. K. Lindsey, Sr.; Navigation, Miss Jennie McConnell. Rocklin Improvement Club presented a conservation program.

A notable feature of the day was the presence of the school children who were especially invited. I spoke to them on rain clouds being saturated with water, like a sponge, from which Mother Earth received shower baths and rejoiced from being clean and fresh.

The Susanville Monticola Club, Mrs. Garner, Chairman, gave two programs during the year on Waterways.

#### **Miss Lillie Earll, Education**

In accordance with instructions from the State Chairman, every club that was not devoting itself to exclusive work, such as music, received outlines for programs dealing with various phases of modern education. These outlines, most carefully prepared by Miss Longenecker, covered such broad fields as to appeal to the large body of women engaged in club work: Play and recreation; work and vocational recreation; health and hygiene; social service.

Reports are encouraging, for they indicate the vital interest which is being injected into educational problems by the women. Oroville has had one very inspiring and instructive lecture on "Aspects of Education." Five towns of the Northern District, through the efforts of the women's clubs, have enjoyed this spring the university extension course of lectures given by that venerable lecturer, Prof. Maria Sanford. The ease with which this course was arranged shows what strides have been made in this field.

#### **Mrs. C. B. Swain, Peace**

As Chairman of "Peace" of the District, I have worked co-operatively in the clubs, suggesting to presidents the appointment of a committee on "Peace" to work up a program for our National Peace Day, May 18.

"Bryan's Peace Movement" would furnish a topic for a very instructive paper, also the reading of Emerson's "Essay on War" and Miss Kate Blake's "The Peace Movement of the Children." Ask the school teachers to have the children read of the heroes of

the United States who stand for Construction instead of Destruction.

All heroes are not heroes of war. Colonel Goethals of the Panama Canal will stand as a hero of Construction throughout all time. We must work to change the trend of hero worship in the rising generation toward humanity and perpetual civilization. Encourage debates in your clubs and school societies on Peace. Ask your Public Library to put in material on this subject for your clubwomen to read and discuss. When working for "Peace" we must think, teach and voice it continually; therein the seed will be sown which will make our nation too great to break the peace standard.

This work is educational, not legislative, and we find it lies with clubwomen to put it before their community in an intelligent and practical manner.

#### **Mrs. C. H. Walsh, History and Landmarks**

Up in Shasta county is a building known as "the Old Adobe," old residence of Major Reading, the original owner of the Reading grant. This house was built in 1843 and is the oldest building north of Sacramento. It is in fairly good condition, but for many years has been untenanted and deserted.

There is also the site of the old Fort Reading, that was vacated and torn down by the government in 1871. In Chico, Butte county, is the place where Douglas Tilden, the famous sculptor, was born. Also the "Sir Joseph Hooke" oak, the largest oak tree known to botanists the world over.

In Nevada county is the spot where gold in quantity was first discovered in California. There are many historic buildings and sites throughout the district that should be preserved and marked. Many of our landmarks, that would be highly prized in other countries, are rapidly falling to decay.

Let us hope that every club in our district will interest its members, its Native Sons and Daughters, Chambers of Commerce and other organizations in the history and traditions of Cali-

fornia, and in restoring and preserving landmarks.

#### **Mrs. W. H. Strief, Health**

The work of the Health Department this year has been in urging a better birth registration law, and in educating the people to the necessity of having the birth of their children recorded. Oroville, Sacramento and Marysville have done research work under the direction of the United States Children's Bureau as directed by Julia C. Lathrop. We cannot know about certain diseases of children until we know how many children are born and know of their physical condition, which birth registration will indicate.

We are the only civilized country that has not had an enforced law of registration of births, and this is because we are a nation of peace.

#### **Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Art**

In the Art clubs of the Northern District, some thirteen in number, special study has been given to the American School of Painting in order to better appreciate our own art at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Since most of the clubs in this District are comparatively isolated, it has been the aim of the Art Department to establish a fund for the purchase of a Trading Art Exhibit, the same to be sent from club to club free of charge. A good beginning can be made with the amount on hand—over \$100, contributed by the various clubs of the Northern District.

#### **Mrs. George W. Hamilton, Literature**

By books alone can man preserve the sayings and the songs of the singers and "the seers of all the yester-years." Nearly all the clubs in the Northern District now have special programs on California writers. Our energetic club at Rocklin has already given three program days to California writers.

I have sent to clubs outlines for work on the following: Children and their Reading; Development of the Short Story; Contemporary Books of Importance; the Feminist Movement; Paganry, and California Literature.

I have given "talks" on California literature, and I feel it is a duty of this

department to assist our gifted young writers. A number of the clubs have formed study classes in French and Spanish.

### **Mrs. T. B. Reardan, Necrology**

It is my sad duty to read the roll call of those whose names have been written by the Recording Angel in the Book of Life:

Mrs. B. A. Nordyke, Woodland Town and Country Club; Miss Florine Porrier, Colusa Woman's Club; Mrs. Nellie Morris, Mrs. Sophia Binkelman, Grass Valley Woman's Improvement Club; Mrs. Lucy P. Spencer, founder and honorary president of Susanville Monticola Club; Mrs. Frances E. Myers, Camino Woman's Club; Mrs. Thomas W. Ward, Mrs. Francis Murphy, Fair Oaks Women's Thursday Club; Miss Mollie B. Johnson, Mrs. H. J. Goethe, Mrs. C. M. Cogan, Mrs. Clinton L. White, Mrs. James W. Watson, Sacramento Tuesday Club; Mrs. Aida Kelsey, Miss Loretta Meehan, Miss Albina Cueno, Jackson Woman's Improvement Club; Mrs. Eva Archibald, Roseville Woman's Improvement Club; Mrs. Coe C. Redinan, Marysville Art Club.

### **Mrs. George W. McCoy, Club Extension**

New clubs taken into the District are:

Tuesday Club of Gridley, 26 members; Woman's Club of Del Paso, 25; Woman's Improvement Club of Red Bluff, 83; Sheridan Woman's Club, 20; Jackson Poppy Club, 18; Wyandotte Improvement Club, 50; Fortnightly Club of Woodland, 29; Improvement Club of Palermo; Woman's Improvement Club of Ione, and Sorosis Club of Palermo.

### **Mrs. W. E. Craig, University Club House Loan**

Clubs that responded for this department are: Monday Club of Oroville; Placerville Shakespeare Club; Nevada City Shakespeare Club; Portola Woman's Civic Improvement Club; Corning Maywood Woman's Club. Total, \$16.50.

I corresponded with all the clubs of the district, and did not meet with quite the response I would have liked, but I realize that there have been many demands on the clubs.

### **Mrs. G. E. Chappell, Philanthropy** (Report read; Chairman ill.)

I am unable to give you a detailed report of the Department of Philanthropy, but it is a pleasure to be able to say that this work has received its fair share of attention, even from clubs that do not have an organized department. It is just another proof of the diversified interests of modern clubwomen. While enjoying the privileges and the pleasures of club life, they have not been unmindful of the unfortunate.

### **Miss Etta Cornell, Federation Emblem**

I have in my care the symbol that represents the essence, condensed and consecrated, of all the ideals and aspirations of our Federation. This little emblem of blue enamel and gold is the embodiment of our wonderful State, the only garden spot in which are found all the necessities and luxuries known to the human family. Let us possess this beautiful little pin that means the united strength of some 30,000 women, that is daily growing stronger. Let us wear this emblem and honor it because of that for which it stands.

### **Mrs. C. L. Donohoe, Forestry**

I urge each club to set aside one day each year as Forestry Day. Make it a big day and interest those about you in helping to conserve the beauties of nature within our State. I find so few of the clubs are interested in forestry.

I have sent 320 letters on forestry, 115 folders, and have planned two arbor days and seven forestry days.

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New clubs admitted recently into state Federation are: San Luis Obispo Culture Club, Wyandotte Improvement Club, Woodland Fortnightly Club, Merced Woman's Improvement Club and Patterson Study Club.

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Montebello Woman's club has gained a county library, performing one of the most useful things that out of town women's clubs can find to do.



### MRS. JONES AS CANDIDATE

**Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Art Chairman**

It is acknowledged by many club women throughout the state that Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville, who has just completed her two-year term as President of the Northern District, is the logical candidate for State President. It seems an absolute necessity that one should have had the experience of district work in order to reach out and handle the larger problems of the State federation.

Mrs. Jones is peculiarly fitted to fill the office. Her work for the past two years has been such as to win her an enviable record and to warrant the praise not only of her own immediate associates but of the State officers for her promptness and efficiency in handling matters pertaining to the State at large. Whatever Mrs. Jones has attempted she has carried to a successful close. Her work has been marked by absolute straight forwardness with justice and fairness to all. With her rare tact and graciousness of manner, Mrs. Jones is one to whom the women of our State can point with pride at the next biennial to be held in New York City, 1916.

Conditions in the Northern District are probably different from those in any other. Nineteen counties are included reaching from Siskiyou and Modoc on the North to Sacramento and Amador on the South. Many of the clubs are extremely isolated. To bind them more closely, to offer these club women greater opportunities, to make them feel more strongly the true meaning of Federation—"Service." Reciprocity days have been established, giving and receiving in every sense of the word. Eighteen new clubs have been added with a gain of membership of over one-third.

The Northern District for the past four years has been specially interested in forestry. Before serving as Northern District President, Mrs. Jones was chairman of forestry for two years, doing splendid work. This District can

claim the honor for the introduction and passage of bills providing for the preservation of natural trees along our State Highway. This District was the first to put forth the idea that the State should take entire charge of the dependent child as well as of the delinquents. Splendid work has been accomplished in civics, main stress being laid upon making the towns and cities of the north, beauty spots, by the planting of trees and flower seeds. The reclaiming of the dredger land is being attempted by one club at the suggestion of Mrs. Jones.

It was through the initiative of clubwomen of the District that University Extension courses were made possible. A fund for a Traveling Art Exhibit has been established. The Music Department has spread the doctrine of good music in the home, the school, the community. Surely the State can make no wiser choice than in selecting for its leader a woman who can lead and guide so wisely and so well.

**Mrs. C. O. Hamilton**  
**Corresponding Secretary**

A meeting of the Executive Board, Northern District, was held in Sacramento, Saturday, April 3, with 18 board members present. A beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, our State President.

Mrs. A. F. Jones' name was presented as candidate for State President and was enthusiastically endorsed by sixteen of the members present.

The Association of Journalism Teachers of Los Angeles and the beaches was organized February 27, with B. O. Bliven of U. S. C. as president, and members Mrs. Rob. Wagner, Los Angeles Polytechnic; Miss Katharine Carr, Los Angeles High; Mrs. M. T. Maynard, Manual Arts High; Mrs. O'Neil, South Pasadena; Evans Richardson, Long Beach; Mr. Stevens, Santa Monica; Mrs. M. C. Colver, Manual Arts; Miss Adele Humphrey, vice-principal, Polytechnic.

The objects of the association are to discuss methods, to standardize the teaching of journalism, to co-operate with the State Editorial Association, to aim at higher ethics in newspaper work, and to start employment bureaus for young people ready to enter journalistic work.

## CALL TO THE FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

Dear Madam President:

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in San Francisco May 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, by invitation of the San Francisco District, with San Francisco as the hostess city. We ask you to bring the privileges and importance of this meeting before your club, urging its full representation in the Convention.

Many important changes in our Constitution and By-Laws are to be voted on, and a council of wise and representative women is imperative if we are to arrive at the broad and democratic decisions which the Federation as a whole alone can render. It is the privilege and the responsibility of every club in the Federation, through its delegates, to help to make these decisions.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention is to be noted for: Simplicity of social features; a strictly "Federation Program"; the presence of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, through the entire session; the number of distinguished visitors who will be in attendance, representing many State Federations, and other women's organizations of note.

All meetings of the Convention will be held in the large assembly hall on the Polk street side of the new Civic Auditorium; and are open to the public.

**Representation.** Each club shall be entitled to representation at the State Federation by the president, or in her absence, a vice-president in order of rank, and one delegate; clubs consisting of 100 members, the president and two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional 100 members. No delegate shall represent more than one club. The secretary of each club shall certify one week before the annual meeting the names of the delegates and alternates from the club to the Chairman of Credentials, Mrs. Olive E. Borrette, Napa. The delegates from clubs failing to pay their annual

dues shall not be seated at the annual Convention.

**Credential Committee.** The credential cards enclosed must be presented to the Credential Committee, which will be in session at the Convention Hall at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning, May 17, Mrs. Olive E. Borrette, Chairman.

**Resolutions.** All resolutions offered for the consideration of the Federation must be presented in writing with the endorsement of the delegates of at least one Federated club. Resolutions must be in the hands of the committee not later than the second day of the Convention. Mrs. H. A. Cable, 1906 West Forty-second Place, Los Angeles.

**Official Headquarters.** Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor streets. Rates, one in a room, not to exceed \$4.00 per day. For two in a room, not to exceed \$5.00 per day (European plan). . . .

**Program.** The program has been built along distinctly Federation lines. Each department has been given adequate time for report and general discussion. Noted speakers, of state and national reputation, will give addresses on Federation subjects. The convention music is in charge of the State Chairman, Mrs. Walter Longbotham, and committee, and will be of the highest order. The Council Meeting will be held Monday at 10:00 a. m., presided over by Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Vice-President.

**Topics for Discussion,** led by the District Presidents: "The Responsibility of Clubwomen to the Peace Movement," Mrs. A. F. Jones, President Northern District; "How Can Our Department Chairmen Be Brought Closer to the Clubs of Our District?" Mrs. Percy S. King, President San Francisco District; "Co-operation Between the C. F. W. C. and the State Commission," Mrs. Wm. E. Colby, President Alameda District; "Why a Clubwoman?" Mrs. H. A. Bates, President San Joaquin Valley District; "Reorganization for Efficiency," Mrs. H. A. Cable,

President Los Angeles District; "Sensing the Value of Club Opportunity," Mrs. A. J. Lawton, President Southern District.

**Social Affairs.** Annual reception to State and District officers, tendered by the Local Board, Monday, May 17, 8:30 p. m.; Annual Banquet of the "Down and Outs," Thursday evening, May 20; "Federation Day" at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, Saturday, May 22.

By order of the Executive Committee.

MRS. LILLIAN PRAY-PALMER,  
President.

MRS. HENRY E. DeNYSE,  
Recording Secretary.

MRS. GEORGE BUTLER,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## AMENDMENTS CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE III.

Section 2 to read: Clubs applying for membership shall show by their Constitution that the organization requires no sectarian or political tests for membership; that it is not a secret society; that no one of its members is affiliated with any organization which tolerates, either by practice or teaching, violation of federal or state laws, and that it agrees to the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Federation.

Any club may be dropped from the State Federation by the action of the State Executive Board for any reason which would have prevented its admission.

### ARTICLE V.

Section 2 to read: The officers of each District shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. Each District (with due regard for eligibility) shall decide for itself who shall constitute its Executive Board.

Section 3 to read: District officers shall be elected at the District meeting for two years beginning with the pre-biennial year.

Section 4 to read: Districts shall adopt By-Laws for their own government which do not conflict with the State Federation Constitution or By-Laws.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE II.

Section 1.—Add after "General Federation Secretary," "Past State Presidents who are in the State Federation."

This change in Section 2 adds Past State President to the voting membership of State Conventions.

### ARTICLE III.

Section 2 to read: President of Districts shall be elected at the District meeting held previous to the State Convention at which the election of officers takes place, such election to be ratified by the Convention.

Section 4.—Add "notice concerning dues shall be sent to clubs in November."

### ARTICLE IV.

Section 5 to read: Every club belonging to the Federation shall hold its election of officers before May 30th on election year.

### ARTICLE V.

Section 1 to read: The yearly dues shall be ten cents per capita, payable November 1st, and shall become delinquent April 1st. The delegates from clubs failing to pay the annual dues shall not be seated at the annual meeting. The initiation fee of ten cents per capita shall cover the dues for the current Federation year. In addition to the State dues, a per capita tax shall be levied by each District.

### ARTICLE VI

Section 1 to read: Each club of less than one hundred members shall be entitled to be represented at the State Federation by the President, or in her absence a Vice-President in order of rank, or one delegate. Clubs consisting of one hundred members—the President and two delegates and one additional delegate for every additional hundred members.

Add Section 6: No delegate from any club taking active part in politics shall be seated in convention. The presentation of two or more sides of any question, or the endorsement of legislative measures relating to Federation interests, shall not be interpreted as political activity.

## ELECTIONS

### ARTICLE VII.

Change "Section 1" to Section number "4." Section "1" to read:

"The Corresponding Secretary shall send a nominating ballot to each club not less than sixty days previous to the State Convention; these ballots to be returned to her with the endorsement of the club's choice of candidates not later than thirty days previous to the Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep a record of them and immediately forward them to the member of the Nominating Committee in the District from which they were received. The choice of the Nominating Committee and the names of all candidates receiving the endorsement of 25 clubs shall be placed on the nominating ballot.

Strike out the last part of Section 1 beginning "Second ticket." Strike out Section 2, substituting "The Executive Board shall elect an Election Board of seven members, one from each District, and a Chairman."

Change "Section 3" to Section number "7." Section "3" to read:



"All elections for State officers shall be by ballot for a term of two years beginning with the pre-biennial year, excepting for Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, who shall be appointed by the President-Elect."

Change "Section 4" to Section number "8." Section "4" formerly Section number "1."

Add "Section 5" to read: "The election shall be held on the third day of the Convention in a room or rooms apart from the regular sessions. The voting hours shall be from nine a. m. to four p. m., but any delegates who may be in the room waiting for an opportunity to vote at four p. m. shall be permitted to vote before the polls are closed. Not fewer than three members of the Election Board shall be on duty at any one time during the voting hours. The voting place shall contain a locked ballot box and an alphabetical list of the voters, the latter shall be furnished by the Chairman of the Credential Committee before the polls open at nine o'clock. Corrections to include late arrivals may be made at noon and at three-thirty p. m.

Add "Section 6" to read: "The Chairman of the Election Board shall have supervision of the arrangements for voting, printing of the ballots, and maintaining order and quiet in the polling room. She shall announce the result of the election to the delegates at the opening of the session on the afternoon of the third day of the Convention, or as soon thereafter as the count can be completed. The ballot box must remain locked after the opening of the polls until the count begins, the count must then continue without interruption until it is finished, when the ballots shall be again locked in the box to remain until the close of the Convention, unless a canvass is ordered by the Executive Board. At no time shall the ballots be handled by anyone except the Election Board. Officers shall be installed before the final adjournment.

"Section 7" formerly "Section 3." "Section 8" formerly "Section 4." Strike out sentences "Vacancies occurring between meetings of the Board may be filled by the Presidents."

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Add "Section 2": "If any subject relating to proposed legislative action in state or nation is given a place on the program, it shall be discussed by two or more speakers holding opposing views."

Add "Section 3": "No person who is a candidate for a political office shall speak from the platform of the Convention."

#### ARTICLE XI.

Add "Section 2": "Resolutions properly endorsed by Clubs shall be sent to the Resolutions Committee not later than sixty days previous to the State Convention."

Add "Section 3": "All resolutions relating to department work shall be endorsed by the Chairman of that department."

Add "Section 4": "Resolutions approved by the Resolutions Committee shall be printed and sent out with the Convention call."

Add "Section 5": "No resolution of any political significance shall be considered by the Convention."

Add "Section 6": "Resolutions presented to the Convention for endorsement shall be subject to no limitation of discussion, except such as the delegates may impose through the usual parliamentary motions for closing debate."

Add "Section 7": "A resolution may be presented from the floor by a two-thirds vote of the delegates, but such resolution must be indicated by name only and not read until after consent is obtained."

#### Add "ARTICLE XVI."

##### "Eligibility"

"Section 1. No woman known to be active in politics or holding any County, State or Federal office shall be eligible to membership on the State or District Executive Boards."

#### Add "ARTICLE XVII."

##### "Printing of Year Book"

"Section 1. All material submitted as copy for the Year Book shall be typewritten or printed, and shall be forwarded to the State Corresponding Secretary not later than the date decided upon by the State Board. Any copy arriving later than the date specified shall not be eligible for that Year Book."

"Section 2. All material from each District shall have been corrected or revised and O. K'd by at least three members of the District Board." "Section 3. All State Chairmen shall correct, revise and O. K. their material."

"Section 4. The outgoing or incumbent State Corresponding Secretary shall arrange all such corrected copy in the form and final style in which it is to appear in the Year Book and forward the same to the printer. She shall read all necessary preliminary proofs and the final page proofs."

Committee,

MRS. CALVIN HARTWELL,  
Chairman.

MRS. B. F. WALTON,  
MRS. WM. L. JONES.

Plan Approved and Presented by the State Executive Board for Redistricting the C. F. W. C. in Accordance with Resolution Passed at the Thirteenth Annual Convention, Riverside, April 29 and 30, and May 1 and 2, 1914. This Plan to Become Operative and Effective on or Before October, 1916.

## REDISTRICTING CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III.

### Section 5. Membership.

Line 3. change the word "district" to "county."

To read: Clubs may adopt their own policy, and are no way committed to work for measures voted for at State and County Meetings, such measures to be suggestive, not mandatory.

## ARTICLE IV.

### Section 1. Officers.

Change to read: The State officers shall be a President, First, Second and Third Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, General Federation Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Member at Large (President-elect). These with State Chairmen of Departments and Chairmen of Standing Committees of Departments, six District Directors, and the Presidents of County Federation, shall constitute the State Executive Board, which shall transact the business of the Federation and shall report to each Annual Convention.

## ARTICLE V.

### Section 1. Districts.

Change to read: The State shall be divided into six districts or divisions, as follows: Number One (Northern); Number Two (San Francisco); Number Three (Alameda); Number Four (San Joaquin Valley); Number Five (Los Angeles); Number Six (Southern).

Section 2. Change to read: Each district shall be represented in the Executive Board by one Director to be elected at the Annual State meeting.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Counties

Section 1. To better facilitate the work of the Federation, County Federation shall be organized in all counties having three or more Federated clubs.

Section 2. The officers of each county shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers, together with the Presidents of the clubs belonging to the County Federation, Heads of Departments and Chairmen of Special Committees, shall constitute the County Executive Board.

Section 3. County officers shall be elected at the Annual Spring meeting to be held not later than April 30. Section 4. Counties shall adopt By-Laws for their own government, which do not conflict with the State Federation By-Laws. Section 5. Each county shall hold two annual one-day meetings, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Section 6. The yearly dues shall be not less than 5 cents per capita, payable before April 1.

Section 7. In counties where there are no women's clubs organized or federated,

the State President shall appoint (subject to the approval of the State Board) a County President of that county, whose duty, with the assistance of the Director of the District, it shall be to organize and federate clubs, and when three or more clubs of not less than ten members each shall have been federated with the State, to effect a County Federation organization.

Section 8. No officers or directors shall serve in the same position for a period of more than two years.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I.

Section 1. All members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs shall be grouped as follows:

District No. 1—(Northern).

Counties: Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, Yuba.

District No. 2—(San Francisco).

Counties: Mendocino, Napa, Del Norte, Lake, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Solano, Humboldt, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Sonoma.

District No. 3—(Alameda).

Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin.

District No. 4—(San Joaquin).

Counties: Alpine, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Tulare, Stanislaus.

District No. 5—(Los Angeles).

Counties: Inyo, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura.

District No. 6—(Southern).

Counties: Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego.

### ARTICLE II.

Voting Membership of State Federation Meetings.

Section 1. Change to read: The voting membership shall be a State President, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Federation Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Member-at-Large (President-elect), Past President of the State Federation, State Chairman of Departments of Work, Chairmen of Standing Committees, Presidents of County Federations, Presidents of Federated Clubs, and the regularly elected delegates or alternates from the several clubs belonging to the State Federation.

### ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Change word "Conventions" to read "Councils" (last word).

Section 2. Change to read: District Directors, Chairmen of State Resolution, Credential and Nominating Committees shall be elected at the same time, and in the same manner as State officers.



Section 3. Change to read: In the absence of the State President, it shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to perform the duties of the President, also to assist her in devising and executing plans of work. It shall be the duty of the Second and Third Vice-Presidents to assist the President, by visiting clubs in her neighborhood, and having general supervision over clubs remote from the locality electing the President.

Section 4. Change to Section 6.

Section 4. (New.) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Annual Convention, also the minutes of the Executive Board. She shall be the custodian of all contracts, minute books, reports and other papers, except the correspondence of the President and Board. She shall preserve in her files a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. She shall enter upon the minutes of each meeting the names of clubs admitted to the Federation. She shall attest the signature of the President or Vice-President, as the case may be, to all club contracts or other instruments in writing, and shall draw warrants on the Treasurer, which warrants shall be countersigned by the President, for all claims approved by the Executive Board.

Change Section 5 to Section 7.

Section 5. (New.) The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Federation and be ex-officio a member of the Club Extension Committee. She shall send out notices, apprise members of their appointments on committees; she shall make and keep a list of the clubs federated during the year, and shall provide copies of same to the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and in the absence of the Recording Secretary, perform the duties of that office. She shall receive, at the time of, or during the Annual Meeting, the yearly reports of the officers and chairmen, and shall arrange for the publication of the Annual Year Book.

Change Section 6 to Section 8.

Section 6 (formerly Section 4) to read: Section 6. (New.) The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the State Federation, and shall pay out the same only on warrants signed by the President, Recording Secretary and Auditor. She shall make in writing to the Board of Directors a monthly report at the regular monthly meeting, the correctness of which shall be attested by the Auditor, and shall present report in detail at the annual meeting, and for the Annual Year Book, of the receipts and disbursements. She shall give a bond, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, for the faithful performance of her duties.

Section 7 (formerly Section 5) to read: The Auditor shall examine all bills and approve the same before payment is made by Treasurer, and keep a record of all bills

presented. She shall examine the accounts of the Treasurer and shall present a written report at the annual meeting of the State Federation.

Section 8 (formerly Section 6) change to read: It shall be the duty of the Director of a District to promote Federation interests in her district; to attend County Federation conventions when possible; to call district councils, through County Presidents, when advisable, and to represent the combined counties of her District on the State Executive Board. She shall be ex-officio a member of the Club Extension Committee in her District, and shall, as far as possible, assist in the organization of new clubs. Each director shall be apportioned not less than fifty dollars each year from State funds to promote the work of her District, and shall report in writing to the Executive Board and to the Annual State Convention.

Section 7 to be Section 9: Representation of clubs at District meetings, when held, shall be upon the same basis as the State Federation Conventions.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Meetings

Section 1. Change to read: Meetings of the Federation shall be held annually in October, the time and place of meeting to be decided by the Executive Board. Invitations to Conventions may be presented at the Annual Convention.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, the same.

Section 6. (New.) In addition to the State and County meetings, an annual meeting or Council may be held in the various districts, the meeting to be conducted by the Director of District.

#### ARTICLE IX.

(Page 146—Year Book.)

Section 1. Line 3. Change the word "President" to "Director."

Proposed Plan for Raising a State Endowment Fund of \$50,000.00 or More, Endorsed and Recommended by the State Executive Board.

Name: The Caroline Severance Memorial Endowment Fund.

Founder's Roll: The sum of \$100.00 places the name of person or club on this roll.

Honor Roll: The sum of \$10.00 places the name of person or club on this roll.

Mothers' Memorial Roll: For any sum the name of one's mother may be placed on this roll.

#### CHAIRMEN COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee, Mrs. A. J. Lawton, Santa Ana; Credentials Committee, Mrs. Olive E. Borrette, Napa; Resolutions Committee, Mrs. H. A. Cable, Los Angeles; Rules and Regulations, Mrs. A. F. Jones, Oroville.



## STATE BOARD NEWS

A regular meeting of the State Executive Board was held in San Diego, April 6, the President in the chair, and the following members present: Mmes. DeNyse, Butler, Francisco, Lawton, Osgood, Arnold and Longenecker.

The President reported a successful visit to the San Joaquin District, also a fine convention of the Northern District at Sacramento where an informal meeting of the Board was held; an interesting day spent at the sessions of the Senate and Assembly, and a visit to the Legislative Headquarters at the Sacramento Hotel, Mrs. Harbaugh being in charge.

Clubs passed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board were: San Francisco District, South San Francisco Woman's Club, Van Dyke Improvement Club, Rohnerville, Cotati Woman's Improvement Club; Northern District, Lone Woman's Improvement Club; Southern District, Hever Woman's Improvement Club, San Diego Humane Educational League; Los Angeles District, Simi Valley Woman's Club (Ventura County).

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$2318.22 (\$15.50 endowment fund).

A copy of the Anderson bill 453 was presented by Miss Longenecker and endorsed. Miss Longenecker thought there is an advantage in concentrating on bills that already have the support of large groups of people such as Assembly bill 17, to provide for State support; Senate bill 700, to provide for increased county funds; Assembly bill 1242, for increased district support.

Mrs. Foster Elliot reported that she had spent a week visiting the clubs of Ventura county where she had talked before many clubs and high schools.

The final report of the Revision Committee read and discussed. By letter Mrs. Hartwell stated they had decided not to insert the word "partisan" (before politics) as requested by the

Executive Board and which she had agreed to do at the meeting March 18. Twenty-five dollars was allowed to send Mrs. Hartwell to the convention.

The motion was carried that as the proposed plan of redistricting by counties would conflict in some ways with the plans of revision, the question of redistricting be taken up first and disposed of in order to avoid confusion in the minds of the delegates by having the two plans before them at the same time.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mueller with proposed plan of Mrs. Myers for placing bird shelters along the Lincoln Highway, it being the hope of Mrs. Myers to have the school children make the boxes and install them. The President stated that she will hold a Board meeting Monday, May 17, at San Francisco at Convention Hall, and asked that Mrs. Francisco be added to the Executive Committee.

The President presented the following names for Convention Committees: Nominating, Mrs. A. J. Lawton, Chairman; Resolutions, Mrs. H. A. Cable, Chairman; Credentials, Mrs. Olive E. Borrette, Chairman; Rules and Regulations, Mrs. A. F. Jones, Chairman.

The Woman's Progressive Club of Laton has taken advantage of the lecture bureau of the University of California by having Miss Lillian D. Clark spend one afternoon and evening with them. During the afternoon Miss Clark spoke to the students and teachers of the high school on household efficiency. At the evening meeting the women of the vicinity were guests of club members. The subject presented was "Labor Saving Devices." All felt the help of the "homey" devices described and many decided to try some of them at once. The Laton Club has assisted the Travelers' Aid both financially and by appointing members to meet trains when necessary.

(MRS. A. G. SMITH.)

## FOR STATE PRESIDENT

The following letter stating the qualifications of Mrs. A. F. Jones as candidate for State President has been received:

"The Executive Board of the Northern District C. F. W. C., take great pleasure in presenting to you as a candidate for State Presidency, Mrs. A. F. Jones, who has just completed her term as President of the Northern District. Mrs. Jones was endorsed by her Executive Board at a regular Executive meeting held in Sacramento, April 3.

"Mrs. Jones' work as District President for the past two years speaks for itself—a gain of eighteen clubs and an increase in membership during the last year alone of over one-third.

"We firmly believe that in Mrs. Jones we have one who possesses to a splendid degree all the qualifications for leadership, fine executive ability, straight forwardness of purpose, unbiased judgment, untiring energy and a determination that brings success in whatever she attempts—and with that great loyalty for the federation itself which means the greatest good for the greatest number.

—(Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice-President Northern District).

Los Angeles Averill Study Club recently held a "Press Day" and gave an opportunity for its members and local press women to become acquainted through an intimate relation of the real facts of press life. The speakers were Mrs. Lavinia Griffin Graham, President of the Southern California Woman's Press Club and a dean among newspaper women; Miss Dorothy Willis, a leading club editor on the coast, and Mrs. Haines Reed, State Chairman of Press. Mrs. Frederick K. Adams, president, introduced the speakers in a charming manner.

Owensmouth Woman's club is one of the "baby" clubs of Federation. It has 16 members all alive to big work and a credit to Federation.

## CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Mrs. Andrew W. Francisco, chairman of program for the State Convention, has gathered a splendid group of men and women to bring the message of Federation from the Department angle at the convention. Although the program is subject to change, the following will be the speakers:

Art—Mrs. Melville Johnston, Art Chairman General Federation; Peace—Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Chairman Woman's International Conference for Peace; Country Life—Prof. W. T. Clarke, University of California Agricultural Extension; Forestry—T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary National Audubon society; Waters—M. E. Dittmar, first vice president Inland Waterways association; Civil Service—Mrs. Emma Pierce Cole, Civil Service Reform chairman, General Federation; Industrial and Social Conditions—A. Caminetti, U. S. Commissioner Immigration, and Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, who will speak on Immigration.

Women active in General Federation work who will speak included: Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General president; Mrs. William B. Williams, General treasurer; Mrs. Francis D. Everett, General director from Illinois; Mrs. William Brook Young, director from Florida; Miss Lutie Sterns, director from Wisconsin; Mrs. Elmer Corsman, president Utah Federation; Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, National President Florence Crittendon homes; Mrs. M. B. Jewett, Oakland, Belgian Relief; Lillian Burkhardt Goldsmith, dramatic interpreter of Los Angeles, and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, State Parliamentarian, and others complete the program.

The Poinsettia club of Saticoy recently elected Mrs. J. M. Sharp president; Mrs. J. M. Dickenson, vice president; Mrs. O. F. Hawley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. F. Clark, press chairman. The club continues its work on the park at the station.

### COUNCIL WINS BILLS

The Women's Legislative Council of California closed headquarters May 8, after 12 weeks of open house, with Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, presiding. All Legislative Council bills, except "Women as Jurors," have passed both houses and are now in the hands of Governor Johnson for his signature. Besides getting through these bills, we have assisted many organizations belonging to the Council with their bills and have brought strong enough pressure to assist materially in killing some pernicious bills. We kept organizations and individuals belonging to the Council in touch with legislation in which they were directly interested. With few exceptions, the best features of each of the bills have been retained.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Gibson of Los Angeles, member State Housing Commission and Immigration Commissioner of C. F. W. C., Senate Bill 427, known as "Home Teachers' Bill," was the first of the five bills to pass and has been signed by Gov. Johnson. A. B. 239, Compulsory Education, came in second. This measure had a billowy sail from the beginning but through the untiring work of Mrs. F. H. Ainsworth and Mrs. C. H. Adams of the Woman's Council of Sacramento, supported by a number of leading educators of the State, and the Legislative Council, the bill passed both houses almost unanimously, minor amendments.

S. B. 511, "Birth Registration," followed with practically no opposition in the legislature. Though it took many days with the "Legislative Bureau, State Board of Health and the Attorney General's office to revise the original bill to make it acceptable and constitutional. This work was ably executed by Mrs. C. D. Webster of Sacramento, representing the California Mothers' Congress. (Ed. Note: It will be remembered that the pioneer work for this Bill was done by Mrs. L. P. Crane, Chairman of Health, C. F. W. C., and was not popular until she made it so.)

S. B. 257, "Child Labor Bill," received some of the hardest blows, but finally came out victoriously with only one or two vital concessions,—reducing the age limit to 10 years for boys as street venders and retaining the 14 year age for messenger boy service. Mrs. C. F. Edson, State Chairman of the Industrial and Social Conditions, of C. F. W. C., and Mrs. E. K. Foster, Child Welfare Commissioner of C. F. W. C., are mainly responsible for the success of this bill, S. B. 257.

The California Civic League, under the President, Miss Julia George of San Francisco, did valuable educational work in the legislature and in the State along the line of Jury Service for Women, which campaign will be continued no doubt with ultimate success two years hence.

Mrs. Harbaugh desires, in the name of the Legislative Council, to thank the women of the State for their loyal co-operation and their hearty response.

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### SANGER IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Mrs. M. H. Abbott, Press Chairman

The Woman's Civic Improvement club of Sanger, Fresno County, has been exceedingly busy this year with worthwhile things, the club being responsible for a general town "clean-up" after which the workers—as well as the thinkers had a free dinner.

The officers are Mrs. W. M. Barr, president; Mrs. C. M. Blackman, vice president; Mrs. John Simpson, secretary. Committees respond for action promptly. One event of the year was the Travelogue by Ford E. Samuels on "Rome, The Eternal City." "Mrs. Wiggs of The Cabbage Patch" was put on and a neat sum realized for the treasury.

The club assisted with Sanger's part in the Raisin Day parade in Fresno, where Sanger carried off first prize on the best float and second prize on attendance. We have had a park planting day, and the year has just begun.



**PLEA FOR PAINTINGS****Mrs. John H. Arthur**

For the woman whose soul is attuned to beauty, who has subtle understanding of that expression of life which is called art, who, having little or no opportunity to see and study fine paintings, anticipates with pleasure a visit to the display of fine arts at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, this is written, in the hope of helping her to a keener enjoyment of that fine collection.

If you have but little time to spend in the galleries, make all the greater effort to prepare before hand by finding out all you can about the pictures. Reserve your own judgment but read newspapers, magazines, books, get reproductions when possible, seek to know what the painter is trying to express. You do not judge Shakespeare by his theology nor Mark Twain by his history. Use the same discrimination in judging a picture. One artist will try to paint the vibration and brilliance of light, another the mystery of night and shadow, another enfolds his model in atmosphere, while another works for "line," accuracy of drawing or revels in "textures" of flesh or fabric, or composes "spots" into a "harmony," while another expresses an "emotion" with queer formless crude color; each trying to say the essential thing as he sees it.

Do not bother about how the paint is put on. That is merely technique, the "grammar of art." In a jury-judged collection like this all bad grammar is supposed to be eliminated. Pick out a few pictures that appeal to you, only one or two if you have not time for more, look long and earnestly at them. Your study will enable you to understand and appreciate. They will become a part of you, a vivid memory, something definite to take home and enlarge your horizon; not just a remembrance of a long line of canvas-hung walls, a weary repetition of colors and frames that gave no message to your soul.

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The "Mother Club" of San Fernando is the Woman's Civic League of San Fernando Valley, organized October, 1911, "To secure a comprehensive knowledge of our representative form of government and apply it to our citizenship for honest laws and the greatest good of all." At present we have 54 working members.

We established a parliamentary drill and early received instruction in marking the ballot, with the result that at the Presidential election it was stated by a member of the election board that the voter taking the least time to mark the ballot was a woman, and a member of the Civic League. We have two branches, "Home Economics" and "Literature," the latter studying early California history, but at the meetings of our main body we devote our entire time to business, civics and current events.

At present we are following the bills pertaining to women and children as brought up in the Legislature. Our annual dues are 25 cents, thus barring none from membership. Each year we give a dramatic entertainment to replenish our treasury. We have never levied an assessment.

We have aided the city in establishing and maintaining "clean up day," and preventing the destruction of song birds; have co-operated with the men's civic organizations, contributing to the Chamber of Commerce half the proceeds of our last entertainment for city parking and have furnished funds for one uniform for the local band. Our league is a recognized force for good in our community, glad to work with all but controlled by none.

Through the influence of the league our young daughters met April 6, and organized "The Junior Woman's Civic League of San Fernando Valley." Not a branch of the older body, but a regular organization, composed of girls from thirteen to twenty years of age, inclusive, their object being to secure

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The Woman's clubhouse of Covina was the pleasant rendezvous April 5 of 100 club women from different parts of Los Angeles county, the occasion being a club breakfast given by the Monday Afternoon Club of Covina, in honor of the board of the District Federation. After a bounteous luncheon, served by the younger members of the club, there were clever after dinner talks given by Mrs. H. A. Cable, District President; Mrs. Dallas M. Cate, Vice-President; Mrs. Frank Caldwell, in behalf of the transportation committee of the State Federation; Mrs. Florence Schoneman, chairman of the Federation Emblems. The board was further represented by Mrs. L. W. Harmon, Mrs. Carrie Stone Freeman, Mrs. Mattison B. Jones, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Dr. Maud Wilde, Mrs. Ella H. Durley, Mrs. I. W. Gleason.

Pasadena Shakespeare club is limited to 600 members and not only studies Shakespeare, but is doing civic and philanthropic work.

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## SAN DIEGO PLANS EVENTS

San Diego County Federation is in the midst of preparations for their spring convention and for the entertainment of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General Federation President. The convention was held at La Jolla, May 11, with the following prominent club women as honored guests:

Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Lillian Pray-Palmer, State President; Mrs. George Butler, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. J. Lawton, Southern District President; Mrs. William Brooks Young, General Federation Director of Florida; and Mrs. Alice S. Blout, member Conservation Department, General Federation of Iowa.

Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Van Buskirk, County President, gave the main addresses. On the return trip from La Jolla, the Wednesday club served tea in their pretty clubhouse on Ivy Lane to the delegates and guests of the convention.

The State President, Mrs. Palmer, has been asked by Mrs. Pennybacker to represent the General Federation at the National Child Labor Conference in San Francisco, May 29-31. This is a signal honor, one wisely bestowed and well merited.

A dinner was given to County Federation officers and Department Chairmen in San Diego, May 11, and Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Blout, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Palmer spoke on department work.

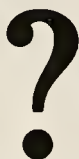
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**HOT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN**

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**Literature Going Out**

Campaign literature is being sent out in behalf of both aspirants to the presidency and active electioneering is in full sway. From now until convention time, campaign managers will devote themselves to lining up the delegates. Then there will be a caucus and the choice of one candidate from the district, to whom the combined strength can be thrown is predicted.

**ENDORSEMENT OF MRS. JONES**

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**Mrs. Hoppin Notified**

It is true that Mrs. Hoppin was not present at the meeting, but it is also true, as I am informed, that she, as well as every other member of the Executive Board, was notified of the meeting. Indeed, Mrs. Hoppin telegraphed the day before the meeting was held that she could not attend.

It is true that the endorsement was not unanimous. One member only, Mrs. McCoy, voted in the negative. Mrs. Walton retired from the meeting, and did not vote on the question.

**Sixteen for Endorsement**

It is true that Mrs. Kilgariff, Mrs. Longbotham and Miss Parrott voted for the endorsement. The implication that they are the only members of the Executive Board who voted in the affirmative is not, however, the fact. Sixteen members voted in favor of the endorsement. The following are the names of those so voting, as they appear in the directory of the Northern District:

Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice-President, Sacramento; Mrs. C. O. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, Oroville; Mrs. J. B. Hughes, District Chairman, Art, Oroville; Miss Parrott, Bureau of Library Information, Sacramento; Mrs. Kluegel, Civil Service Reform, Oroville; Mrs. C. L. Donohoe, Conservation-Forestry, Willows; Mrs. W. M. Strief, Health, Marysville; Mrs. C. L. Walsh, History and Landmarks, Auburn; Mrs. R. H. Jones, Home Economics, Marysville; Mrs. H. J. Kilgariff, Legislation, Sacramento; Mrs. George W. Hamilton, Literature, Auburn; Mrs. Walter Longbotham, Music, Sacramento; Mrs. T. B. Reardan, Necrology, Oroville; Miss Susan T. Smith, State Chairman, Library Information, Sacramento; Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, State Chairman, Club Extension, and President-elect Northern District, Roseville; Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, State Chairman, Legislation, Sacramento.

# John Topham

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**Election June 1st.****NORTHERN SESSION**

(Continued from page 7)

There were several pleasant features at the close of the Convention. The newly elected officers were introduced to the members of the Convention, and presented with handsome bouquets. The retiring officers were also presented with flowers, and Mrs. A. F. Jones was the recipient of a handsome gift from some of the clubs of the district as a token of their appreciation of her loyalty and service to the district.

At the close of the Convention representatives from the Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento were in waiting with automobiles to take the visiting clubwomen for a drive around the city. This was followed by a theater party, to which all officers and delegates were invited, and thus closed a profitable and enjoyable Convention of the Northern District.

**MRS. HOPPIN ENDORSED**

The Women's Clubs of Yolo County and Woodland announced through an official letter to California clubwomen their endorsement of Mrs. Emily Hoppin as a candidate for State President.

It reads in part: "Mrs. Hoppin is now Vice-President at large and has served as State Vice-President and State Treasurer for several years, and is now Vice-President at large. She is also treasurer of her district, which office she has held for some time.

"Her intimate connection with the Federated movement almost from its inception gives her a thorough and practical knowledge which makes her invaluable as a state officer; informed as to the wide, embracing scope of work undertaken by club women, there would be no hesitating step in its progress.

"She is well acquainted with our needs, resourceful in her methods, comprehensive and progressive in her ideas. Wide and favorably known throughout the state, Mrs. Hoppin is in a position to render peculiar and unusual service to her constituency; to reflect credit upon her district and maintain the honor of the state.

"Mrs. Hoppin can preside at any convention forcefully and successfully. For half a life time she has been identified with public activities; her interest in all affairs for civic betterment is pronounced and effective. Her outlook is broad and her ability to serve commensurate. In calling her to this position at this time, we believe we are rendering unquestioned service to the promotion of all ideals for which the woman's club stands; and to choose her means the just recognition of merit and ability.

"We ask your personal influence and support in securing Mrs. Hoppin for this position.

(Signed) "Mrs. James T. Royles, Chairman, Mrs. Richard Brown, Secretary of Committee."

The club presidents endorsing Mrs. Hoppin are: Mrs. L. D. Lawhead,

Study Club; Frances Louise Newton, M. D., Fortnightly Club; Mrs. F. Fitz, Dramatic Club; Mrs. Fred Meier, Outlook Club; Mrs. J. I. McConnell, Current Topics Club; Mrs. G. H. Hecke, Town and Country Club; Mrs. H. E. Coil, Past President Northern District; Mrs. C. W. Thomas, Past President Shakespeare Club; Mrs. M. W. Ward, Past President Shakespeare Club; Mrs. F. W. Blanchard, President Elect Shakespeare Club.

Glendale Tuesday Afternoon Club recently held a Federation Day at which 100 women from other clubs were invited as honor guests. Speakers were Mrs. W. C. Mushet, State Vice-President, who talked of the coming state convention; Mrs. Herbert A. Cable, Los Angeles District President, Mrs. D. M. Cate, District Vice-President. Committees were Mrs. Frank Hester, hospitality; Mrs. Luther Brown, club courtesies; Mrs. Charles Homer Temple, decorations. Glendale is one of the liveliest clubs in the Federation.

The Hollywood Woman's Club has a handsome ivory white year book with the lettering in gold. It would be a fine feature of any reciprocity collection.

During the presidency of Mrs. Henry J. Finger of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club, energy has been directed toward building a club house costing \$5500, purchasing a \$950 grand piano. A stage and dressing room nearly paid for. Mrs. E. C. Tallent, well known club woman, has been elected president of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club. Mrs. H. J. Finger refused to consider re-election.

Mrs. I. W. Gleason, district chairman of Parliamentary Usage, desires those entrusted with the arrangement of next year's programs, in no case to overlook that important branch of club work—Parliamentary Law.

Miss Zona Gale who has been spending several months on the Pacific Coast has delighted numerous club audiences by readings from her Friendship Village stories. April 3, under the auspices of the committee on Public Affairs she appeared before the College Woman's Club. At the close of the reading the alumnae of Wisconsin University, Miss Gale's alma mater, served tea. Miss Sybil Jones presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Roger J. Sterrett, and Mrs. Ella H. Durley introduced Miss Gale.

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## WOMAN'S SUPREME TASK—BRINGING PEACE

By Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones

(Continued from Last Month—Completed in This Issue)

Wherever an army has dragged its loathsome length across any country and any age, it has left behind it a trail of crime; a spoliation of brain, a blunting of home loves, the deflowering of virgins, the debauchery of motherhood, and a long line of unfathered babes, to testify to the accursedness of war. Witness the million or more of Eurasians in British India. They were born into the world burdened with the worse curse parentage ever transmitted, doomed to be outcasts from all that is respectable, both on the British father side and the Hindu mother side.

Witness again the debauchment of the contraband camps of our Civil War; the pathetic scandal of the native "wives" to American soldiers in the Philippines, who flocked to the wharves and made the re-embarking of American soldiers for home heart-breaking with the tears of the guileless daughters of the far off islands. There is a conspiracy of silence concerning these damnable facts. They reach so near home that good taste and polite manners render them prohibitive material even in an address upon the Burden of Woman.

And yet I have not touched the profoundest depths of this damnation. Worse, immeasurably worse for future generations than the debauchery of the body, is the debauching of ideals. The loathsome disease that is trickling down into the veins of unborn innocents is not as calamitous as this obeisance to brute force.

Every vote cast for a battleship directly or indirectly is a concession to the logic of barbarism, a yielding to the dictum of the brute in the highest reaches of government. But not in any or all of these specific counts of belated barbarism do we find the most crushing burden of women.

War is essentially aristocratic, a masculine aristocracy at that. Every vote for a battleship is a disfranchising vote for woman. I believe that the sex lines are but surface scratches on the human globe, and this belief is vindicated in this place and hour. But thank God, the differentiating lines are deep enough permanently to disqualify woman from the gory efficiencies of battie fields. Thank Heaven for the physical and spiritual rejection of women at the recruiting stations of armies and navies.

The war spirit and the awful burden of militarism resting thereon, is the crushing burden under which women all over the world are staggering. To lift this burden off their shoulders, to relieve them and their children from this wicked handicap, is to open wide the gates of civilization to them and hasten the era of justice, the reign of reason.

O women of America, what are you going to do about this? Where are you going to begin? See to it that motherhood be asserted. Let the claims of the heart be heard. Break the false glamor of war, release your children and yourself from the shallow admiration of the trumpery, the millinery, the peacock feathers in which this fell force of war parades itself.

Let us stop this horrible hypocrisy that teaches children to carol at Christmas time the angel song of "Peace on earth and good will to men," while at the same time mothers stuff the stockings of the same children full of mimic weapons and the carol is silenced.

Sisters, you are the divinely appointed heralds of peace. By heavenly endorsements and by earthly necessities you are called upon to help retire the brute and advance the human, remand the bayonet and the cannon and the devil torpedo to their proper place in the museums. The heroes of

the battlefield have had their day. Let the heroes and heroines of peace stand forth and receive the glory that belongs to them.

To this supreme task the women in this presence are summoned through their diligent study, patient training of the young, the refinements of home, the spiritualization of ideals, and their contribution to non-partisan politics, and non-sectarian religion.

Sisters, form lines for the bloodless "war against war," touch elbows with rich and poor, black and white, male and female. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder, first, for a cessation of the horrible manufacture—a holiday in the navy yards that Winston Churchill pleads for, then the reduction of armament, then a disarmament, then an international police, then a supreme court of nations where all the disputes of nations will be brought to arbitration, as are now the disputes of individuals.

Following is the list of officers newly elected by the Glendora Woman's club: President, Miss Frances Robinson; First Vice President, Mrs. E. G. Widman; Second Vice President, Mrs. T. V. Wamsley; Recording Secretary, Miss Rebecca N. Howe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. T. Steddom; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Jones.

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### BIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The biennial council meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Portland, Ore., May 31, June 1, 2 and 3. In addition to the officers, directors, heads of departments, committee members, state presidents and General State Federation Secretaries, hundreds of delegates from state federations and individually federated clubs will attend the meeting, as well as other club women interested in the woman's club movement.

The meeting has been timed just previous to the rose festival for which the city of Portland is famous. The committee in charge is planning to make the sessions especially reflective of the spirit and enthusiasm of the Northwest. Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the Oregon Federation of Clubs, has arranged through the committee for numerous social functions.

Hotel Multnomah will be headquarters for the delegates while the Council sessions will be held in the White Temple.

The Program Chairman, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, points with unfeigned pride to the splendid new department heads who are to be heard at Portland, Mrs. George Zimmerman, Civics; Mrs. Frederick H. Cole, Civil Service Reform; Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, Conservation; Mrs. Ellor Carlisle Ripley, Education; Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, Literature; Mrs. F. S. Wardwell, Music; and Mrs. Elmer Blair, Public Health.

The "Plans for the New York Biennial" will be presented by Miss Mary G. Hay of New York, board member of the local committee; Mrs. Francis D. Everett of Illinois, chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. William Grant Brown, chairman of the local board.



## **"FEDERATION DAY" PLANNED**

May 12 was Federation Day at the Panama-California Exposition in San Diego, and a special program was arranged under the personal supervision of Mrs. Fred Van Buskirk, County President, that would do credit to a state or national organization.

There was an auto ride to Point Loma to visit the old Spanish light house, lately restored and repaired by the United States government at the request of the Federation Department of History and Landmarks. On invitation of Madame Katherine Tingley, the party visited the Theosophical headquarters, returning to the Exposition in time for the Southern California Garden Fete and luncheon in the Pepper Grove.

A program of English pastorals was sung by the Glee club of the San Diego College Woman's Club; folk dancing by the public school children. A charming bevy of "club daughters" assisted in serving the dainty luncheon. The San Diego Floral Association had charge of the decorations, which transformed the Pepper Grove into a bower of roses.

Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt, noted archeologist and ethnologist, personally conducted the party through the Exposition. The Woman's Board of the Exposition entertained with an informal tea in the afternoon and the Woman's Board of Commissioners for the Southern Counties received informally in the Blue Room of the Southern Counties building with a musical and tea, Mrs. L. B. Hogue of Ventura, hostess.

At 4 o'clock Dr. Stewart gave a special organ recital on the outdoor organ, and at 7 o'clock dinner was served for the honor guests, the County Federation executive board and visiting club women at Christopher's cafe. In the evening the Drama Department of the San Diego Club presented epoch dances in the organ pergola on the Exposition Plaza, under the direction of Mrs. B. C. Sutton.

## **THE PRO-FRANCIS TICKET**

The primary campaign for the Los Angeles Board of Education, demonstrated that the people like definite statements of policies on the part of Candidates.

The six candidates for Board of Education---Bean, Crandall, Golding, Lewis, McCormick and Spalding came out squarely for Francis policies. They led six corresponding candidates by an average majority of seven thousand votes. The lead of Judge Bordwell was perhaps considerably due to the fact that the Public School Committee of One Hundred endorsed but six candidates.

D. B. Lyons, Chairman of the Committee, presages the overwhelming election of this group of six.

The guests of honor were Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, General Federation President; Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, California State President; Mrs. George Butler, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. J. Lawton, Southern District President; Mrs. Fred Van Buskirk, San Diego County President; Mrs. Alice Blout, General Federation Conservation Department, Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. William Brooks Young, Jacksonville, Florida, General Federation Director.

### **SAN FERNANDO EBELL** **Josephine Maclay Walker**

The Ebell of San Fernando was organized May 20, 1914, at the home of Mrs. Thomas J. Walker. Its object is expressed in its motto—Culture, Harmony, Service. The club has 32 active members, one honorary.

The officers are: President, Josephine Maclay Walker; First Vice-President, Mae Hamion Schwinger; Second Vice-President, Mary E. Griswold; Third Vice-President, Luna M. Wheat; Fourth Vice-President, Grace Moffitt Prince; Secretary, Eliza Bailey Allen; Treasurer, Edith Lane Maclay; General Curator, Emma Althea Smith; Parliamentarian, Althea D. Fish.

Meetings are held the first and third Fridays at the homes of the members. Its sections are: Books and Conversation; Fine Arts, Architecture, Sculpture and Painting; Music; Landmarks and History; Philanthropy.

Excellent programs have been furnished at every meeting by members. The course of study has been along the line of our own nationality—American. The first public act of the club was to send a subscription to the National Red Cross Fund. The first club baby was presented with a silver cup and made an honorary member, Calvin Hamion Baker. A Christmas party was given to the children of the members and a New Year reception to husbands and gentlemen friends.

One of the chief characteristics of the club is to have a small and con-

genial membership. The programs given by the members have been far above the ordinary in theme and originality, touching on the Expositions, Patriotic Day, Poetry Day, dramatics, fiction, Costume Day, paintings.

On Nature Day Mrs. Jennie Kahler, one of our oldest members, will give a talk on California Wild Flowers and will have on exhibition her collection of paintings of wild flowers, which is said to be the best in existence; we will learn the haunts and habits of the wild birds and "climb the high mountain" with John Muir and "get their glad tidings," and with Kellogg make "bird songs where there are no birds, and water springs in a thirsty land."

Election in the Woman's Club of Monrovia resulted in the choice of the following officers: Mrs. C. T. Renaker, president; Mrs. H. Waterman, jr., first vice-president; Mrs. J. Allen Munro, second vice-president; Mrs. A. L. Wooldridge, recording secretary; Mrs. Lincoln Backus, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. L. Day, treasurer; Mrs. R. O. Simpson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Emmeline Graves, financial secretary; Mrs. A. H. Johnson, auxiliary representative.

At the March meeting of the board of the District Federation it was voted to contribute \$50 to the Travelers' Aid Association.

During the past month the women's clubs of Van Nuys and Owensmouth have lent their aid to the establishment of Boys' clubs as a feature in bringing about an improved country life. A flourishing club has been started at each place under University Extension auspices. The boys will engage in practical agricultural and horticultural experiments and the reward for the most successful work will be a trip to Washington and a visit to the White House. Mrs. H. S. Trotter of Van Nuys is deeply interested in the promotion of these clubs.



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